

USEFUL TIPS FOR PREVENTION

Know your rights: nobody is allowed to share images of you without your consent.

If anyone asks you for nudes at the beginning of a relationship, treat it as a warning sign.

If you want to share intimate content: send a photo without your face showing, where you cannot be identified. Use an app that automatically erases messages after a certain time.

WHERE CAN VICTIMS TURN FOR HELP?

Contact the online service provider that hosts or publishes the content. Inform them that you did not consent to its publishing and demand that they remove it. Google also has a tool to report cases like this: you can find it at support.google.com under: **Remove non-consensual explicit or intimate personal images from Google.**

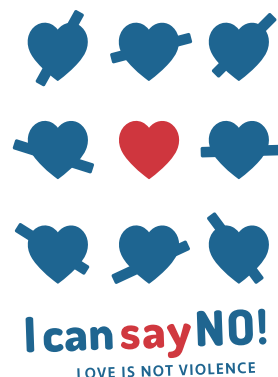
The International Association of Internet Hotlines (INHOPE) is a global platform with tools, information and support fighting against child sexual abuse material. In addition, **each country has its own service for reporting non-consensual online materials.** In Hungary, the **National Media and Communications Authority** handles reports at its own Internet Hotline service, which is free and anonymous. Although it doesn't have the legal authority to demand the removal of online content, based on experience, many website hosts are cooperative, and they have been successful in many cases.

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Hungarian law unfortunately doesn't recognize revenge porn as a separate legal matter. Victims can report cases of **blackmail, abuse of personal data, harassment, sexual coercion or defamation and, if the victim is underage, child pornography.** The law only protects children properly. If the victim is under 18, the perpetrator is likely to be penalized more seriously. Revenge porn is not really taken seriously in the case of adults. Sometimes, victims are scared to report it because they are afraid of how many policemen or prosecutors will be amused at their footage or blame them for what happened.

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AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:

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REVENGE PORN
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
IN THE ONLINE SPACE

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WHAT IS REVENGE PORN?

“The online distribution of sexually graphic photographs or videos without the consent of the individual in the images”

– this is how the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) defines non-consensual pornography.

Revenge porn is **a form of violence against women, one of the tools of sexual harassment and coercive control**, and just like other types of sexual violence, it mainly affects girls and women, and its perpetrators are primarily men.



TYPES OF REVENGE PORN

- </3 **The partner or ex-partner exploits photos and videos shared with him during the relationship, for example, after a break-up.** He uploads these to revenge porn websites along with the personal data of the victim (her name, contact details, address of her school or workplace, etc.), or he creates his own website which contains the victim's name in its URL. So, if anyone googles the victim's name, they will find these websites and content.
- </3 The perpetrator may not upload the content to a website, but instead, **he sends it to the victim's family members, acquaintances, colleagues, etc.**
- </3 **The victim is filmed or photographed without her knowledge** during the relationship, and the perpetrator shares these images online.
- </3 **The victim's computer or online accounts are hacked,** and the perpetrator gets access to her photos and videos.
- </3 The photos or videos are not shared online but are **used as a tool of coercion or threat against the victim.** “If you don't do what I say, I will send your photos to everyone.”
- </3 **Posting advertisements in the victim's name,** including invitations to participate in sexual acts. The victim will be approached by unknown men who harass her and leave her disturbing messages.



ITS PURPOSE AND EFFECTS

The goal of the perpetrator is **to cause fear and to pressure the victim to continue or restart the relationship**, or to discourage her from breaking it up. In addition, he wants **to shame the victim and ruin her reputation** in front of her environment and make her vulnerable by spreading her personal intimate photos and data. The message is: “I have power over your life, and there is nothing you can do about it.”

The victims can suffer greatly: they can lose their jobs, or they might have to move or even change their names. Revenge porn causes deep emotional scars, it has driven girls and women to commit suicide.



VICTIM BLAMING IS A PROBLEM

Victims of revenge porn are often blamed by their environment, saying “they were the ones who shared their photos with their partner through the internet, they shouldn't be surprised if they end up being hurt by their stupid decision later”. The only advice they get is not to use the internet or not to post anything online, which further **perpetuates the silencing and isolating of women – which, by the way, is exactly what the perpetrator wants** as well. In today's digital world, if someone is forced to delete their online accounts and social media platforms, they are missing out on lots of opportunities, so putting all the responsibility on the victim is really unfair.



THE CHALLENGES OF PROSECUTION

Authorities don't have enough knowledge about this type of harassment, and they also don't take it seriously enough. The law doesn't properly address it, or it doesn't really know how to address it. There aren't efficient tools for preventing or stopping revenge porn, prosecuting perpetrators and supporting the victims.

Institutions may not have the technical equipment or training to investigate online perpetrators, even if they take the matter seriously.

Operators of revenge porn websites cannot be legally held accountable, even though they profit from it and encourage their users to post sensitive material of other people. Many revenge porn website hosts gain lots of income through the traffic and advertisements on their sites.

With the development of digital technology, not only our own images but manipulated images can also be a source of danger. With today's software, anyone's face can be easily edited onto any background.



UNDERSTANDING CONSENT

It is never the victim's fault if their (ex)partner or anyone they know abuses their trust!

Sharing naked photos in confidence in an intimate relationship does not mean that we gave permission to publish those photos online or to share them with other people. This includes when someone has allowed their partner to photograph or film them at some point. It doesn't mean that she consented to the distribution of such material.

Everyone is responsible for treating sensitive content that they have been given access to in confidence with discretion. If the person appearing on the photos has not given permission to publish or share them, or they retracted their consent, or they are under the impression that the photos will not be shared or published, nobody has the right to abuse this and use their images.

Consent also depends on context, just like in offline spaces. For example, when you hand over your credit card to the waiter, you don't consent for him sharing the credit card number with other people or publishing it online.



SOCIAL AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

It is important to implement laws that cover this type of violence against women as well and to train authorities on how to handle these cases. **Without proper tools of prosecution and social awareness we won't be able to efficiently protect victims.** At the moment, unfortunately, all we do is tell girls not to share intimate photos of themselves online with anyone.

The ultimate goal would be not to educate girls to refrain from sharing things with their partners and from using the internet freely but to educate boys not to abuse their partner's trust in this way.