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Nonconsensual Pornography

Overview:

Nonconsensual pornography is a term used to refer to the distribution of nude or sexually explicit images¹ without the consent of the individual depicted in the images. This includes images originally obtained without consent (e.g., by using hidden cameras, hacking email accounts, or recording sexual assaults) as well as images obtained with consent, typically in the context of an intimate relationship and with an understanding that the images will remain private. Distribution includes posting the images (often with derogatory comments) to social media sites and sharing images directly with another person (e.g., via email).

This nonconsensual pornography, sometimes called revenge pornography, can have a devastating impact, causing emotional distress, humiliation, and even economic harm when it affects a victim's employment.

While currently no Federal criminal statute fully encompasses nonconsensual pornography, the misuse of online communications, sending harassing or intimidating communications and images, or other online misconduct may violate existing Federal laws under the United States Code or the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

Reporting:

Army personnel who believe they have been subject to nonconsensual pornography or related inappropriate conduct are encouraged to report the incident to: their Chaplain, [Special Victim Counsel](#), Chain of Command, [Inspector General](#), installation Equal Opportunity Advisor (or 703-571-7295 for referral), Victim/Witness Assistance Coordinator (703-588-6788 for referral), or Behavioral Health Counselor. Army personnel are encouraged to raise any privacy or confidentiality concerns up front, before discussing particular circumstances or images, as differing privacy and confidentiality considerations apply.

If you have direct knowledge that sexually explicit photos were taken of you **without your consent**, you should contact Army CID at 1-844-ARMY-CID (844-276-9243) or email CID at Army.CID.Crime.Tips@mail.mil as this may constitute a felony crime. See tips on reverse for preserving evidence.

Additional Resources:

If you are the victim of nonconsensual pornography, the Army wants you to know there are resources to help you cope.

Understanding You're Not Alone

- Victim Stories, <https://www.cybercivilrights.org/share-your-story/>.
- Nonconsensual Image Sharing, Center for Innovative Public Health Research, https://datasociety.net/pubs/oh/Nonconsensual_Image_Sharing_2016.pdf.

¹ The term images includes pictures and videos.

Additional Resources (continued):

Victim Support

• DoD's Safe Helpline

- Provides live, one-on-one specialized crisis support and information.
- Confidential, anonymous, and secure. Safe Helpline does not ask for any information that can be used to identify a user. Online sessions or telephone calls will not be recorded or stored and (with a very few exceptions, talk to a Safe Helpline counselor about those) personally identifying information provided during a Safe Helpline session will not be shared with the DoD or chain of command.
- Available to Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.
- Accessing Safe Helpline: <http://www.safehelpline.org> or 877-995-5247.
- Safe Helpline Mobile App: <https://safehelpline.org/about-mobile>
- Safe Helpline Frequently Asked Questions: http://www.sapr.mil/public/docs/safehelpline/Safe_Helpline-FAQs.pdf

Evidence Preservation

- If you intend to report nonconsensual pornography to law enforcement, preserve whatever information you have about the incident, such as the website addresses, social media profiles, email addresses, etc.
- Preservation Guide: <http://www.withoutmyconsent.org/resources/evidence-preservation>

Removing Images from the Internet

- Guide to removing images from some popular websites: <https://www.cybercivilrights.org/online-removal/>
- Take Down Your Pics, Take Back Your Life: <http://www.undoxx.me/>
- Helpful Tips for Victims of Revenge Pornography: <http://www.withoutmyconsent.org/resources/conversations-have-your-lawyer>

Related CID Products:

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- **Online Misconduct Awareness and Reporting:** <http://www.cid.army.mil/assets/docs/2can/OnlineMisconductFlyer.pdf>
- **Social Networking Safety Tips:** <http://www.cid.army.mil/assets/docs/2can/SocialNetworkingSafetyTips.pdf>



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