



What do I do if I am a victim of a Deepfake image?

Report Deepfakes or AI-Generated Intimate Images

If you, your child, or loved one, is in emotional distress, call or text the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline anytime.

Gather Evidence

- Locate the Deepfake
 - Screenshots Aren't Enough
 - Take full screen screenshots of the deepfake image
 - Record your screen to record the entirety of deepfake videos
 - Do not crop any pictures or recordings
 - Record your screen while scrolling through the messages (especially on Snapchat or IG stories)
 - Save usernames, emails, phone numbers, userIDs, gammertags, timestamps, and context
 - Don't just screenshot, create a timeline of events
 - Use a Second Device
 - Use your phone to record the bullying from a secondary device if the original app doesn't allow saving or notifies the sender
 - Copy all evidence to two external USB drives and/or backup one version to the cloud.
 - Preserve Metadata
 - Export chat logs or files when possible
 - Don't crop screenshots, keep the entire frame intact
 - Do not engage with those who shared it, this can escalate the situation
- Write a victim statement. Although it may be painful, type a detailed statement including the timeline of events and how this has made you feel. This will be valuable to law enforcement agencies.

Report to Law Enforcement

Some deepfake pornography, impersonation, harassment, and fabricated sexual images may violate Ohio law, especially when sexual, nonconsensual, involving minors, or used for extortion.

Call your local police department (non-emergency number) and ask to file a report with a detective trained in cybercrime or sex crimes.

If you're not sure who to contact in Northeast Ohio:





- Cuyahoga County Sheriff: (216) 443-6000
- Cuyahoga County Sheriff: sheriff.cuyahogacounty.us
- Geauga County Sheriff: (440) 286-1611
- Geauga County Sheriff: co.geauga.oh.us

Ask for a formal report to be filed and bring your documentation. Police departments may also have designated School Resource Officers (SROs) who can help if you are a student.

Report to Federal Agencies

- FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)
 - Report at: www.ic3.gov
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)
 - File a CyberTip: CyberTipline.org
 - You can report anonymously.
 - If you're under 18 and your image is online, NCMEC can help remove it.
- Adults dealing with nonconsensual intimate images may be eligible to use StopNCII.org.
- Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) – For child exploitation, sextortion, or trafficking
 - Report anonymously at: ice.gov/tipline

Remove the Deepfake

After preserving evidence and making urgent reports if needed, report it to the platform where it's hosted:

- Instagram: [Help Center](#)
- Facebook: facebook.com/help
- TikTok: support.tiktok.com
- Snapchat: safety.snapchat.com
- YouTube: support.google.com/youtube
- Reddit, Discord, Twitter/X: use in-app reporting features
- Submit a Google takedown request (for explicit deepfakes or impersonation): support.google.com

If a platform lacks a takedown process or misses required removal timelines, report the problem to the FTC at TakeltDown.ftc.gov.

- For images/videos taken when the person was under 18, use Take It Down at takeitdown.ncmec.org. Do not download, forward, or ask others to send explicit images just to submit them.

Secure Your Online Accounts

- Review social media privacy settings, limit who can see your pictures.
- Change passwords for accounts that may have been compromised; review privacy settings and remove unknown sessions, especially for email, social media, and cloud storage.





- Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA).
- Log any unrecognized devices out of all accounts.
- Remove connected apps you don't recognize.

Consider Legal Protections

- Ask law enforcement or an advocate about options for protection orders, especially if the predator is known to you.
- You may be eligible for legal support and free victim advocacy.

Get Mental Health and Crisis Support

In Northeast Ohio:

- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) – 24/7
 - 216-619-6192 or 440-423-2020
 - clevelandrapecrisis.org
 - Offers confidential counseling, advocacy, and support—available to adults, teens, and children.
- Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV)
 - State Helpline: 1-888-886-8388
 - oaesv.org
- RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) – 24/7
 - 1-800-656-HOPE
 - rainn.org

For Legal Advocacy:

- Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center
 - ocvjc.org
 - 614-848-8500
 - Offers legal help for victims of sexual exploitation, stalking, and harassment.
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
 - lasclev.org

