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Revenge porn, also called non-consensual intimate image (NCII) abuse, occurs when someone shares, threatens to share, or distributes sexually explicit photos or videos of you without your consent, often to cause harm, humiliation, or control.

This may include:

- Images originally shared privately with a partner
- Content stolen from devices or accounts
- Screenshots of private video calls
- Images altered or paired with false claims
- Threats to post images unless demands are met

The sharing of your intimate images without your consent is not your fault, even if the images were originally shared consensually.

If you believe you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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Assess Immediate Safety

Treat the situation as urgent if:

- Threats of violence accompany the sharing
- Your address, workplace, or school is exposed
- Harassment or stalking escalates rapidly

If any of the above are present, call 911.

Do Not Engage or Negotiate

- Do not respond, argue, or plead
- Do not pay money or comply with demands
- Do not threaten legal action online

Engagement often escalates abuse and encourages further sharing.

Preserve Evidence Immediately

Before reporting or requesting takedowns:

- Screenshot or save:
 - Posts





- Messages or threats
 - Usernames and profiles
 - URLs and platform names
- Record:
 - Dates and times
 - Who shared or reshared the content
 - Any demands or threats
- Do not edit, crop, or repost the images.

Contain the Harm

Report to the Platform

Most platforms prohibit non-consensual intimate images.

- Use reporting tools for:
 - Image-based abuse
 - Privacy violations
 - Harassment
- Request immediate takedown
- Save confirmation emails or report numbers

Use Takedown Assistance (If Applicable)

If images were taken before age 18, report immediately to:

- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)
 - CyberTipline: <https://report.cybertip.org>
 - Phone: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)
- If images were taken as a minor and are circulating:
 - Take It Down (free, confidential image-hashing removal help)
 - Take It Down is for nude, partially nude, or sexual images/videos taken when the person was under 18.
 - <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org>
- Adults may be eligible to use [StopNCII.org](https://stopncii.org)

Protect Yourself and Your Network

- Increase privacy settings across platforms
- Ask trusted contacts not to engage or reshare
- Warn close contacts if impersonation or scams may follow
- Avoid public explanations that amplify reach

If the Person Is Someone You Know

If the images were shared by:

- A current or former partner





- A spouse or ex-spouse
- Someone with access to your devices or accounts

Do not confront them alone.

Recommended steps:

- Preserve evidence quietly
- Seek law-enforcement or legal guidance
- Create a safety plan before blocking or reporting
- Consider protective orders if advised

Report the Crime

- National Reporting
 - FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)
<https://www.ic3.gov>
- Ohio Resources
 - Ohio Attorney General – Identity Theft & Cybercrime Help
<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov>
Hotline: 800-282-0515
- Geauga County
 - Geauga County Sheriff's Office
<https://www.geaugasheriff.org>
 - Call your local police department to file a report
 - Use 911 for active or escalating threats

Law enforcement can:

- Document the crime
- Advise on protective orders
- Advise on evidence, reports, and safety; platforms and hash-based tools may assist with takedown and investigations

Emotional & Crisis Support

Revenge porn can cause intense shame, fear, anxiety, and isolation.

- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- If you may hurt yourself or feel unable to stay safe, call or text 988.

Seeking ask for support and encouraged.

Recovery – Ongoing Protection

- Monitor for reposts or new accounts sharing the content
- Document every new incident
- Revisit privacy and safety settings regularly





- Lean on trusted support systems

How to Reduce the Impact of NCII Abuse

- You are not obligated to explain or defend yourself
- Silence and documentation limit further harm
- Early reporting improves takedown success
- Ask for help, abusers rely on isolation

