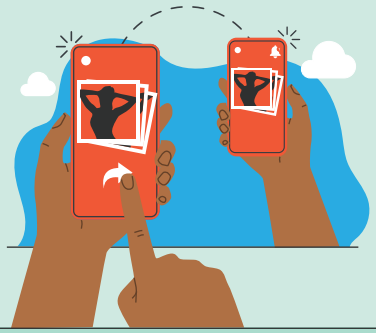
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IMAGE-BASED SEXUAL ABUSE

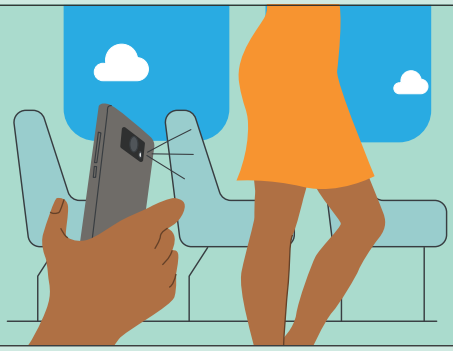


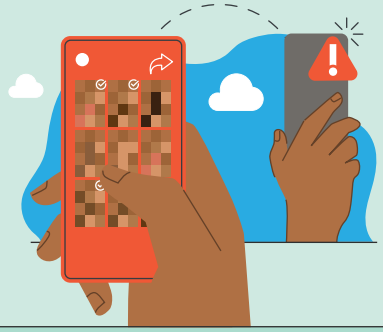
NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING OF INTIMATE IMAGERY

The non-consensual sharing, distribution or use of intimate or sexual images of a person, including images originally created or shared consensually. Threatened sharing should also be recorded.

COVERT SEXUAL IMAGING

Taking, recording or obtaining intimate or sexualised photographs/videos of a person without their knowledge or consent, including covertly taken sexualised images ("creepshots").



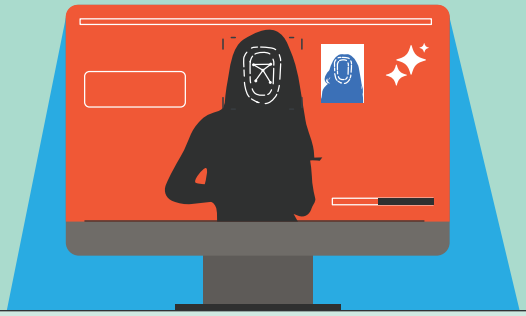


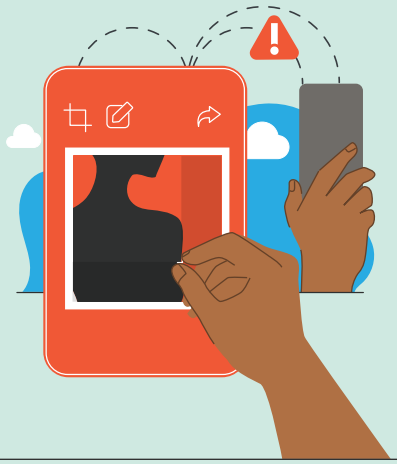
CYBERFLASHING / UNSOLICITED SEXUAL CONTENT

Sending a person sexual, explicit or obscene images through digital technology without their consent.

MORPHED, DEEPFAKE OR AI-GENERATED SEXUAL MEDIA

Creating, altering or manipulating an image, video or audio—including through AI—to falsely depict a person in sexual or intimate content without consent.



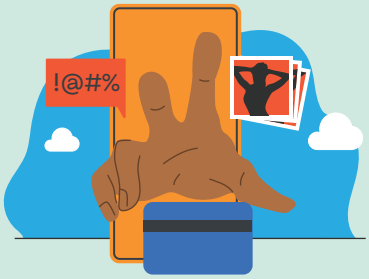


NON-CONSENSUAL SEXUALISATION OR EXPOSURE OF IMAGES

(IMAGE BASED ABUSE THAT DOES NOT FALL WITHIN ANY OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES)

The sharing, use or presentation of an image of a person or any part or parts of the body of a person, without their consent, in a sexualised, objectifying, degrading, privacy-invasive or culturally or religiously harmful context, where the image itself may not be sexual or intimate in nature.

SEXUAL COERCION AND EXPLOITATION

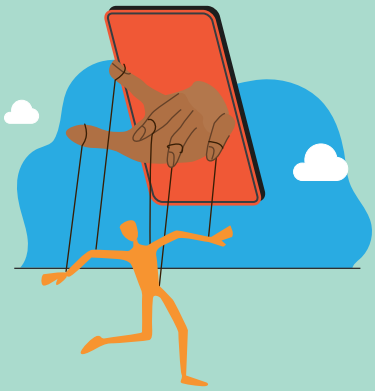


SEXTORTION / SEXUAL BLACKMAIL / SEXUAL BRIBERY

Technology-facilitated blackmail in which intimate images or private sexual information are used or threatened to obtain money, sexual acts, further intimate material or another benefit.

ONLINE GROOMING / TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Using digital platforms to develop trust, emotional connection or a relationship with a person including a child or young person, to recruit, manipulate, coerce, facilitate, advertise, arrange or profit from the sexual exploitation of that person.



HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND THREATS



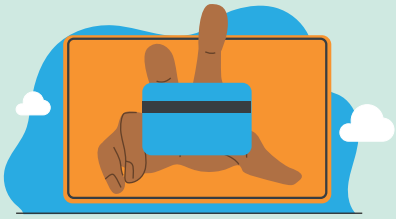
ONLINE / CYBER HARASSMENT / CYBERBULLYING / TROLLING

Repeated technology-facilitated conduct that threatens, frightens, pesters or abuses a person, including degrading, offensive or insulting communications or images.

TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED THREATS OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Communicating through digital means an intention or threat to physically or sexually harm the affected person or another person connected to them.





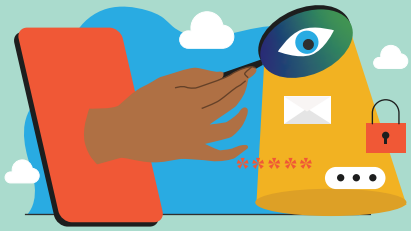
DIGITAL BLACKMAIL / EXTORTION

Using technology to threaten disclosure, reputational harm or other adverse consequences in order to compel the person to provide money, perform an act, refrain from an act or otherwise comply with a demand.

STALKING, SURVEILLANCE AND TECHNOLOGY -FACILITATED COERCIVE CONTROL

CYBERSTALKING

Persistent, unwanted or threatening surveillance, contact or pursuit of a person through technological means.





DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE / MONITORING / TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED COERCIVE CONTROL / CONTROL OF ACCESS

Using technology to threaten disclosure, reputational harm or other adverse consequences in order to compel the person to provide money, perform an act, refrain from an act or otherwise comply with a demand.

PRIVACY AND DISCLOSURE ABUSE

DOXXING

Non-consensual public disclosure of private, personal or sensitive information, such as contact information, address, workplace or family information, in circumstances capable of exposing the person to harm, intimidation or harassment.





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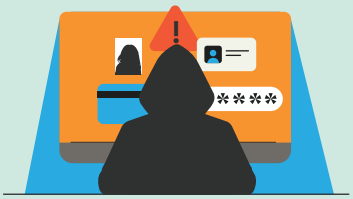
Revealing a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or sex characteristics to others or publicly through technology without that person's consent.

IDENTITY, ACCOUNT AND ACCESS ABUSE

ONLINE IMPERSONATION / FAKE PROFILE

Creating or using an online profile or account that falsely assumes another person's identity in order to deceive, harm, intimidate, exploit or damage their reputation or safety.





HACKING / ACCOUNT TAKEOVER

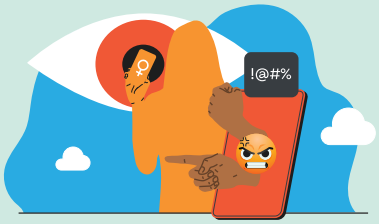
Unauthorised access to, interference with or control of a person's digital account, device or data where the conduct constitutes or facilitates gender-based abuse.

GENDERED HATE, TROLLING AND REPUTATIONAL ABUSE

GENDERED / SEXIST ONLINE HATE SPEECH

Online communication that attacks or uses discriminatory or pejorative language against a person or group based on gender or another identity factor; sexist hate speech spreads, promotes, incites or justifies hatred on the basis of sex.





GENDER TROLLING

Targeted abusive, hostile or provocative online conduct directed at a person because of gender, gender expression, feminist views or perceived violation of gender norms, particularly where intended to humiliate, intimidate or silence.

GENDERED DISINFORMATION / SEXUALISED REPUTATIONAL ABUSE

False or manipulated information, narratives or content deliberately created or disseminated to deceive or damage a person's reputation, credibility, safety or participation, where gender or gender stereotypes are integral to the attack.



OTHER, EMERGING OR UNCLASSIFIED TFSGBV



OTHER / EMERGING TFSGBV

Technology-facilitated gender-based conduct satisfying the TFSGBV gateway definition but not adequately captured above.

INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO CLASSIFY

Available information indicates possible TFSGBV, but there is insufficient information to assign a reliable category.



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