

## Intimate Images Shared Without Consent.



**Intimate image abuse** is when someone takes or shares private sexual photos or videos of you without **consent**.



**Consent** is being asked if you agree to something. This means saying yes or no.



It is done deliberately to cause a person harm or upset.



Intimate means personal and private.



Intimate images can be shared in lots of different ways including:

- in-person
- through texts, emails, messages and in group chats
- on social media platforms and websites



It is against the law in the United Kingdom to share intimate photos or videos of someone without their consent.



We support adults who are victims of intimate image abuse in the United Kingdom.



Intimate photos or videos of anyone **under 18** is a different **crime**.

This needs to be reported to a different service like the police.



Crimes are things that are against the law.



You may want to report or delete the images straight away.



We advise you to contact the police before you delete any **evidence** from the internet.



Evidence is the information used to decide if a person is guilty or not guilty of a crime.



You should block and report anyone who contacted you about this or shared the photos or videos.



We can do this for you.



We will need to ask for some information about where the photos or videos were shared.



A reverse image search is when you search the internet using an image instead of text.

This can tell you what websites your photos or videos are on.



Take screenshots of the intimate photos or videos that have been shared online

Try and include:



- the website address
- times and dates of when it was posted
- any details of who it was posted by



Keep copies of public or private messages, emails and calls with dates and times.



Do not send them anything they ask for.



Often, they will just ask for more.



You can phone the police for help on this number: 101



The police may not know the best way to help you.



But they should always listen and not judge you in any way.

Number: \*\*\*\*\*



Make sure you keep a record of any log numbers, or case numbers the police give you.



This will make it easier to add more information or get an update.



It will also mean you don't have to say what has happened again which will save you getting upset.



We work with the SPITE project at Queen Mary University of London.

They provide free legal advice for victims of intimate image abuse.



We know how upsetting this can be.

Please make sure you get support from someone you trust.