

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Revenge Porn & Online Harassment

If you are the victim of revenge porn or have been harassed online, there are steps you may be able to take to **protect yourself** and **get help**.

Contact the Social Media Site

- Most social media sites have terms and policies — often called “codes of conduct”, “terms of use”, “anti-harassment policies” or “community standards” — that forbid posting revenge porn or other harmful content.
- **Follow any posted instructions** to report the content. For example:
 - Twitter: <https://support.twitter.com/articles/15789>
 - Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/527320407282978/>
 - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/help/181495968648557?ref=community_standards
- **Explain why the content is harmful** — try to make specific references to how the content violates the site’s terms and policies.
- **Tips:** <http://www.cagoldberglaw.com/how-to-report-revenge-porn-on-social-media/>

Submit DMCA Takedown Notice

- **If you took the photo or video yourself**, you may be able to submit a takedown notice under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) to the websites and search engines making the photo or video available.
- **If you did not take the photo or video yourself, but have the cooperation of the person who did**, that person may be able to submit a takedown notice under the DMCA.
- **Caution!** Note that the site operator may provide a copy of the takedown request (including any contact information on the request) to the poster of the content.
- **Identify the site’s DMCA agent.** Check the site’s terms of use. You may also find the agent listed with the Copyright Office. If you don’t know who operates the site, try checking WHOIS.
 - Copyright Office Directory: http://copyright.gov/onlinesp/list/a_agents.html
 - WHOIS: <https://www.whois.net/>
- **Submit the notice.** You can contact Legal Services NYC for a sample notice form. Some websites also provide an online form:
 - Google: <https://support.google.com/legal/answer/3110420?hl=en>
 - YouTube: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2807622?hl=en>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/help/contact/1409697672616547>

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File a Police Report

- **Local precinct:** http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/home/contact_information.shtml
- **Additional info:** <http://www.womenagainstrevengeporn.com/#!file-a-report-with-law-enforce/c1nsg>

Consider Legal Action

- You may be able to take **legal action** against:
 - **the person who posted** the harassing content; **and/or**
 - **the operator of the website making available the content**
- Revenge porn **may be a crime** if the photo or video was taken or posted **without your knowledge or consent**, or if the posting was intended to harass you.
- You may be able to file a **civil lawsuit** for:
 - Intentional infliction of emotional distress
 - Public disclosure of private facts
 - Violation of your right of publicity
 - Copyright infringement
- **Talk to a lawyer** to determine if legal action is advisable.
- **Guide** to removing nude photos from the web and **contact info** for lawyers and advocates: <http://www.womenagainstrevengeporn.com/#!photo-removal/c9fy>
- **Issues list** to discuss with a lawyer: <http://withoutmyconsent.org/resources/conversations-have-your-lawyer>
- If you are **representing yourself** in NY courts: <http://www.nycourts.gov/courthelp/>

Seek Counseling & Emotional Support

- The Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI) provides emotional support, technical advice, and information to current victims of online abuse.
- Reach out to CCRI at 844-878-2274 and http://www.cybercivilrights.org/contact_us
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Contact Legal Services NYC for Further Assistance at **917-661-4500**