

What is revenge porn?

Revenge porn is the act of sharing (or threatening to share) intimate images or videos, either online or offline, without consent with the intention of causing distress. The term 'revenge porn' is actually quite misleading: not all acts of revenge pornography are committed for revenge purposes. Some acts of revenge pornography are enacted as a means of extortion, intimidation or for the pleasure of causing annoyance in others. And, it's not porn. **It's abuse.**

What does the law say?

Revenge porn is against the law and can result in up to two years in prison. *Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015.*

What is voyeurism?

If you take sexual or nude pictures of someone without their consent, that's voyeurism. A picture under their clothing? That's upskirting. These are against the law too and classed as sexual offences.

What to do if you, or someone you know has been affected?

Don't panic – there is help and you're not alone.

Being threatened? – don't talk to them; block them; don't pay them.

Get evidence – take screenshots of the shared content and any messages.

Report it – call the police on the non-emergency number on 101. If involving a Middlesex student or member of staff, contact Care and Concern on 020 8411 6200 or careandconcern@mdx.ac.uk. To find out more, see 'Reporting to the University', accessible via the home page of this document.

Get support – talk to your family, a good friend or/and speak to Care and Concern and the support available within the University and externally.

Get specialist help – contact the revenge porn helpline for help with shared private images, threats to share, blackmail/sextortion, voyeurism and upskirting. They can provide free confidential advice and if you send the links they can help get your pictures removed from the internet. Contact them from Monday to Friday, 10-4pm by emailing hep@revengepornhelpline.org.uk or calling 0345 6000 459. For more information: revengepornhelpline.org.uk.