

How to react before non-consensual porn

(and online gender violence in general)

General tips

Keep calm . If you want to take your case to justice, you must keep a cool head.	Do not give in to threats . You must understand that you are a victim of gender violence; The situation that you're going through is not your fault.	In order to report to the justice system or to digital platforms, it is very important that you collect and keep the evidence of your case in the most complete and orderly manner.
Check the legislation that exists in your country for these cases.	Depending of your country, it may or may not be mandatory that you contact a lawyer to file a complaint in the local justice system.	If you make a judicial complaint, remember that as a victim you have rights ranging from equal access to justice, being treated with respect, accessing the case file, etc



Dealing with evidence

Keep the evidence	Backup the evidence
 Make screenshots from the websites where the material appears. Make sure you get the whole page, including the URL. You can keep these screenshots in PDF format. If the content is a video, download it and save it in a hard drive. If you have text or e-mail messages that may be relevant, please make screenshots and keep them. Make sure the screenshots show the day, hour and any other data that may serve identification purposes. If it's a group chat, for example, take not only a screenshot of the photo or video, but also of the members of the group. Think of all evidences that, besides the intimate material on the platform, may be relevant to the case, for example, threatening emails or text messages. Keep a copy of everything. 	 It's important that you keep evidence safely; you must avoid it to fall into the hands of unauthorized third parties. Organize the evidences in a folder. A good method is to organize them by the day in which the material appeared, for example. But you may create a system that makes sense to you and that helps you find the evidences easily. We recommend you to keep all evidence in a digital folder and also to have a printed copy somewhere. Even if you keep all the evidence in an organised way, it's possible that, as time goes by, facts get confusing. Because of that, organizations like <u>"Without My Consent"</u> recommend you to make an evidence chart and organize important information there. A copy of the chart follows.



Evidence chart

Date	What happened	The actual evidence	Who might have done this?	Why do you think that person did it?	Evidence that you might still need
The date of the event you describe	Describe each occurrence with enough clarity for anyone to understand it. Try including date and time and any other data regarding what happened. Also include the name of the internet platform where this happened, if that is the case.	Single out and refer to the piece of evidence: Is it a screenshot? a PDF? An email? A voicemail? Add here the filename (to find it more easily) and make sure to store all the files in the same folder.	For each event, identify the potential responsible person(s).	Say why do you think that person is responsible. For example: XX sent me a message through Whatsapp on December 8, 2018, saying "If you don't reply, I will publish all of your pictures".	If you believe you need more evidence, number it and describe them here: - What evidence - Why is it relevant - Where to obtain it. If you believe a third party could be holding on to important evidence, name the evidence and how that person or organisation.