Online gender-based violence: how to identify and prevent it?

Digital gender-based violence encompasses gender-based violence behaviours carried out by means of new technologies, social media and the internet.

Digital Gender Violence, Spanish Ministry of Equality ↗

What forms can it take?

- The creation, dissemination, distribution or digital exchange of content of a sexual or intimate nature without consent
- Unauthorized access to or use, manipulation, exchange or distribution of personal data
- Impersonation and identity theft
- Actions that are detrimental to a person's reputation and credibility
- Surveillance and monitoring with spyware or geolocation devices
- Cybershaming and cyberharassment
- *Cyberbullying*
- Direct threats
- Abuse or exploitation using ICTs
- Attacks on women's groups, organizations or communities

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Library guide: Online gender-based violence ↗

A selection of resources to recognize and prevent the various types of gender-based cyberviolence.

In figures

+ 25 %
of women between 16 and 25 years old in Spain have received inappropriate comments via social media

54 %
of girls and young women who have experienced cyberbullying on social media reported effects on their mental health

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Glossary

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Cyberflashing
Sending unsolicited sexual images.

Non-consensual pornography
Known as revenge porn, this is the online distribution of sexually explicit private photographs or videos without the subject's consent.

Cyberharassment
Persistent and repeated behaviour directed at a specific person, designed to cause serious emotional distress.

Sextortion
Threats to post sexual content (images, videos, deepfakes, rumours) to threaten, coerce or blackmail someone.

Doxing
Investigating, manipulating and publishing private or identifying information about the victim without their permission in order to expose and shame them.

Gendertrolling
Sending malicious messages to create controversy and disputes by generating negative or angry responses.

Deepfake
Fake content made using artificial intelligence that includes people who appear to say or do something.

+ 99 %
of deepfake pornographic content involves women

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