

# CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Keep an eye out each week for tips on how to stay safe from Cyber Crime!

## THE OTHER SIDE OF CYBER CRIME

Cybercrime is not always about obtaining money or information. There is another side where the crimes target your mental health, your emotional state and even your reputation.

### CYBER BULLYING

Cyberbullying is often described as **any continuous and deliberate harm that is inflicted through technology** such as through a social media site, texting or any other electronic device. Examples of this are when someone makes fun of another person online or repeatedly picks on someone through texting. Cyberbullying is especially prevalent with adolescents but **the damage can be emotionally and psychologically damaging for people of all ages**.



#### IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF CYBER BULLYING...

**1** KEEP ALL EVIDENCE OF THE BULLYING including messages, screen shots, online posts, comments, etc.

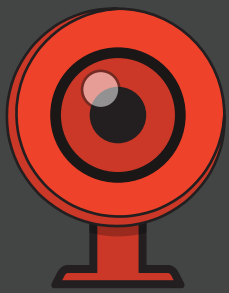
**2** CONTACT THE SERVICE PROVIDER in which the bullying is being carried out. For example, if you are being harassed through Facebook or Twitter, contact the companies directly through the designated channels. It might also be helpful to familiarize yourself with the **Terms of Use** for the various sites you use, which may strictly prohibit harassment.

**3** DON'T RETALIATE AGAINST THE BULLY or do anything that might be perceived by an outside party as contributing to the problem. **Your only response should be to calmly tell them to stop the behavior**. If they refuse, you can take additional actions.

**4** If the threats or comments are affecting your everyday life, health, or safety, you may want to **CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY** who specializes in harassment, defamation, emotional distress or other types of civil action.

### SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves the **use of information, usually that of an intimate or sexual nature, to extort or force another person into unwanted sexual acts**. This includes someone who obtains a nude image(s) of someone else and coerces that person into performing sexual favors in order to keep the image(s) from being shared publicly.



Revenge porn is **when sexually explicit pictures or videos of a person is distributed without their consent via any medium**. In most cases, the images or video may have been originally shared with an intimate partner who later uses the possession of the materials to punish and defame the victim.

### REVENGE PORN



#### IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXTORTION OR REVENGE PORN

**1** SAVE ALL THE EVIDENCE OF HARASSMENT and prepare a written account of all the details

**2** SAVE ANY OFFENSIVE COMMENTS that may have been made by the offender online (i.e. social media, email, etc.).

**3** REPORT THE ACTIVITY TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES which can include the school/university officials or your human resources department. You can also file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).

**4** STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST, REVENGE PORN WILL BE ILLEGAL IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK and **offenders will face a charge of second-degree unlawful surveillance which is a felony**. If you are a victim of Revenge Porn, contact your local authority.

FOR MORE INFO AND  
CYBER SECURITY TIPS, GO TO:  
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Resources:  
Cyberbullying.org - "What is Cyberbullying?" "Advice for Adult Victims of Cyberbullying"  
Newsinfo.Inquirer.net - "Sextortion"  
Syracuse.com - "Revenge Porn' now illegal in New York"  
Citron, Danielle Keats; Franks, Mary Anne (2014). "Criminilizing Revenge Porn"  
Vectors by Freepik.com