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Revenge porn and pics now a crime: In Queensland it's now a crime to share intimate videos and pictures without consent

Legislation passed in February 2019 makes it a criminal offence to share intimate images.

Anyone convicted of distributing or threatening to distribute intimate images or prohibited visual recordings of a person without their consent now face up to three years in jail.

Furthermore, anyone threatening to distribute an image can be charged, whether or not the image actually exists.

The *Criminal Code (Non-Consensual Sharing of Intimate Images) Amendment Bill 2018*:

- prohibits the posting of, or threatening to post, an intimate image without consent on a social media service, relevant electronic service or a designated internet service;
- establishes a complaints and objections system to be administered by the eSafety Commissioner;
- provides the commissioner with powers to issue removal notices or remedial directions;
- enables the commissioner to seek a civil penalty order, issue an infringement notice, obtain an injunction or enforce an undertaking, or issue a formal warning for contraventions of the civil penalty provisions;
- covers pictures and videos of someone engaged in a sex act they wouldn't normally do in public, their bare breasts, their genital or anal region either bare or covered only by underwear, and photoshopped images.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Yvette D'Ath said, "This is about more than holding people accountable, it is about starting a conversation ...

Whether you are a parent, a carer or a friend, everyone needs to warn their loved ones of the dangers of sharing intimate images."

The laws will apply to anyone who shares them without the consent of the person filmed or photographed, even if they consented to them being taken at the time on any platform.

Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath says the government is not looking to penalise consenting adults who happily share images with each other. Instead, they want to crack down on breaches of privacy and prevent distress to victims.

"The Injustice of Intimacy" Podcast Series: Amazing Women sharing stories to empower others to seek help and support

This amazing series of women sharing their stories about Intimate Partner Sexual Violence (IPSV) helps listeners understand and identify this hidden crime.

The intimate and private nature of IPSV means that survivors can feel alone and ashamed. Often women will wonder whether the abuse is normal and be unable to recognise the extent to which their abuser is maintaining power and control over them.

These very personal stories are shared to so that women who have experienced or are experiencing IPSV can recognise IPSV for what it is – a hybrid of domestic violence and sexual assault - and can take steps to seek help, navigate the systems and services available to support them and move forward.

The series offers practical and specific frameworks for defining and recognising IPSV, giving options for action, navigating systems and services and moving forward.

The series also provides an invaluable tool for professionals and members of our communities in general to understand, define and recognise IPSV and to support survivors directly and indirectly – calling it out as illegal and unacceptable.

The podcasts were created as an initiative of the Nundah Neighbourhood Centre and Brisbane North Community Legal Service, with sponsorship from Legal Aid Queensland's Community Legal Education Collaboration Fund and the contributions of Women's Legal Service Queensland, Queensland Police Service, Brisbane Domestic Violence Service, Micah Projects, WWILD – Sexual Violence Prevention Association and the courageous women who contributed to the project and shared their stories.

The podcast is available on all major podcast platforms.

