

Adult Sexual Exploitation

Policy details

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Policy Rationale

We recognize the importance of Facebook as a place to discuss and draw attention to sexual violence and exploitation. In an effort to create space for this conversation and promote a safe environment, we allow victims to share their experiences, but remove content that depicts, threatens or promotes sexual violence, sexual assault, or sexual exploitation. We also remove content that displays, advocates for or coordinates sexual acts with non-consenting parties to avoid facilitating non-consensual sexual acts.

To protect victims and survivors, we remove images that depict incidents of sexual violence and intimate images shared without the consent of the person(s) pictured. As noted in the introduction, we also work with external

safety experts to discuss and improve our policies and enforcement around online safety issues, and we may remove content when they provide information that content is linked to harmful activity. We have written about the [technology we use to protect against intimate images](#) and the [research that has informed our work](#). We've also put together a [guide to reporting and removing intimate images shared without your consent](#).



Do not post:

In instances where content consists of any form of non-consensual sexual touching, necrophilia, or forced stripping, including:

- Depictions (including real photos/videos except in a real-world art context), or
- Sharing, offering, asking for or threatening to share imagery, or
- Descriptions, unless shared by or in support of the victim/survivor, or
- Advocacy (including aspirational and conditional statements), or
- Statements of intent, or
- Calls for action, or
- Admitting participation, or
- Mocking victims of any of the above.
- We will also take down content shared by a third party that identifies victims or survivors of sexual assault when reported by the victim or survivor.

Content that attempts to exploit people by any of the following:

- Sextortion: Coercing money, favors or intimate imagery from people with threats to expose their intimate imagery or intimate information
- Sharing, threatening, stating an intent to share, offering or asking for non-consensual intimate imagery that fulfills all of the 3 following conditions:
 - Imagery is non-commercial or produced in a private setting.

- Person in the imagery is (near) nude, engaged in sexual activity or in a sexual pose.
 - Lack of consent to share the imagery is indicated by meeting any of the signals:
 - Vengeful context (such as, caption, comments or page title).
 - Independent sources (such as, law enforcement record) including entertainment media (such as, leak of images confirmed by media).
 - A visible match between the person depicted in the image and the person who has reported the content to us.
 - The person who reported the content to us shares the same name as the person depicted in the image.
 - Secretly taken non-commercial imagery of a real person's commonly sexualized body parts (breasts, groin, buttocks, or thighs) or of a real person engaged in sexual activity. This imagery is commonly known as "creepshots" or "upskirts" and includes photos or videos that mock, sexualize or expose the person depicted in the imagery.
 - Threatening or stating an intent to share private sexual conversations that meets the following criteria:
 - Lack of consent is indicated by:
 - Vengeful context and/or threatening context, or
 - A visible match between the person depicted in the image and the person who has reported the content to us.
 - The person who reported the content to us shares the same name as the person depicted in the image.
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For the following content, we include a warning screen so that people are aware the content may be disturbing:

Narratives and statements that contain a description of non-consensual sexual touching (written or verbal) that includes details beyond mere naming

or mentioning the act if:

- Shared by the victim, or
- Shared by a third party (other than the victim) in support of the victim or condemnation of the act or for general awareness to be determined by context/caption.

Content mocking the concept of non-consensual sexual touching



For the following Community Standards, we require additional information and/or context to enforce:

We may restrict visibility to people over the age of 18 and include a warning label on certain fictional videos (e.g., digital and hand-drawn imagery, film and TV show scenes, comic books, music videos) that depict non-consensual sexual touching.

In addition to our at-scale policy of removing content that threatens or advocates rape or other non-consensual sexual touching, we may also disable the posting account.

We may also enforce on content shared by a third party that identifies survivors of sexual assault when reported by an authorized representative or Trusted Partner.

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