

Reporting severe online abuse

Online abuse can affect anyone at any time. If you or someone you know is experiencing severe online abuse, you can report it to [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au).



Online safety laws make it easier to fight the most severe types of online abuse. To make a report, go to their website: [esafety.gov.au/report](https://www.esafety.gov.au/report).

How to report online abuse

Have you experienced severe online abuse?

Report the harmful content to the online platform or service first - this is often the fastest way to have it removed.

If the online platform or service does not act quickly or does not respond to the request, you can report the online abuse to eSafety.

Find out how to report content on common sites, apps and games: [esafety.gov.au/esafety-guide](https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-guide).

Has someone shared an intimate image of you online without your consent?

Report it to eSafety straight away

Reports can be made via eSafety's website ([esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)). You do not need to report explicit images shared without your consent to the online platform first - you can report directly to eSafety.

A removal request or removal notice may be issued on your behalf. The online platform must then remove the content.

Have you seen illegal or violent content online?

You can report illegal or violent content to eSafety via eSafety's website ([esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)) for investigation. They can get the content removed.

Looking after your wellbeing

Online abuse in any form can be stressful for the individual, family and community. The eSafety website at [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) provides information about support services and online safety advice to help everyone stay safe online.

- **BeyondBlue: 1300 22 4636** (mental health support)
- **Lifeline: 13 11 14** (mental health and suicide prevention)
- **1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732** (support for people affected by sexual abuse or domestic violence)
- **Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800** (counselling for youth between 5-25 years)
- **National Counselling and Referral Service: 1800 421 468** (support for people with disability)
- **13YARN: Confidential, culturally safe crisis support line for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Available all day, every day. 13 92 76**

Learn more

Go to [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) to learn more, or to report serious online abuse. There is also a range of tools and resources to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to stay safe online.

If someone is in danger or requires immediate support, please call emergency services (000).