



## How do the Online Safety Laws work?

A person experiencing adult cyber abuse should contact the online platform or service directly first and request the content is taken down.

If the service provider doesn't remove the material, or if you experience intimate images shared without your consent, or find illegal and violent content, you can make a report directly to [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au). eSafety works with online platforms to remove harmful content. If the content is not removed, eSafety can have the online service provider fined. eSafety can also have a fine issued to the person who posted or shared the severe online abuse of adults or intimate images without consent.

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**A person whose intimate images are shared without their consent can report it directly to eSafety without first making a complaint to the service provider or platform.**

There are certain forms of abuse that are not covered under the Act. However, if the below experiences are combined with seriously threatening, harmful or dangerous content, the laws could still apply.

Examples of what online safety laws do not cover in isolation:

- Defamatory comments
- Political satire or journalism
- Spam and scams
- Hacking
- Identity theft and fraud

**Learn more**



**Go to [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) to learn more,  
or to report severe online abuse.**