appendix 3

Responding to Revenge Porn

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The problem of nonconsensual distribution online of intimate images, i.e., "revenge porn" or "nonconsensual porn," is a growing concern for tweens, teens, and young adults—and their parents. The campaign "End Revenge Porn" (www.EndRevengePorn.org), organized by the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative, advocates for technological, social, and legal innovation to fight this menace and provides direct support and referrals for take-down services to young people who are targeted by former friends or lovers. ERP operates a Web support system for people who have been targeted throughout the world and a twenty-four-hour toll-free hotline (844-878-CCRI) for people needing such help in the United States.

Collaborating with law firms such as K&L Gates (www.Cyber-RightsProject.com) and private attorneys to provide pro bono legal services to young people who have been targeted, ERP works with major social media and tech companies to develop policies and procedures to prevent the proliferation of revenge porn. It also works with U.S. legislators on a local and federal level to draft legislation to prohibit this practice, which can destroy a young person's reputation and well-being in an instant.

To help young people make wise choices about photos they have in their possession, the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative created the following flowchart. Although the chart explains that you can post sexually explicit pictures of yourself online, this is true only if you are not underage. Tweens or young teens can get into legal trouble for creating and/or posting child pornography, even if the picture in question is of themselves. It is important to remember that new laws deal with more than nude photos. The Illinois revenge porn law recognizes that targeted young people "can be deeply harmed by non-consensually distributed sexual images regardless of nudity."

If in doubt, don't upload it, download it, share it, or store it.

FLOWCHART

FOR ANYONE IN POSSESSION OF NUDE PHOTOS

So, you have some nude photos and you're not sure what to do with them. Cyber Civil Rights Initiative has developed this easy-to-follow flow chart to help you out.

