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Decoding Digital Abuse: Prevention Strategies for 2020 and Beyond + Insights on Pending Title IX Regulations

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Introductions



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Exciting Updates

- **Free Sexual Assault Awareness Month Resources** – SafeColleges.com/SAAM
- **COVID-19 Safety Resources** – SafeColleges.com/COVID-19
- **LiveSafe Partnership** – SafeColleges.com/LiveSafe

Before We Get Started

- All attendees are in listen-only mode.
- All registrants and attendees will receive a link to the recorded version of this webinar in a follow up email.
- If you have questions during the presentation, please let us know by typing your question into the panel. We will answer these during the Q&A period after the presentation.



Presenter Introduction



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- A SafeColleges Training Author
- The Former Senior Associate Executive Director for the Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA) and the Former Executive Director of the School and College Organization for Prevention Educators (SCOPE)
- Spent five years as Assistant Director of the Women's Center at Lehigh University where she coordinated sexual violence prevention and response, including annual and ongoing trainings and programming for faculty, staff, and students.



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Introduction

- Sexual exploitation was not included in most campus sexual misconduct policies until relatively recently, if at all.
- Much of the commentary on the topic is based in victim-blaming for the new age: “why did you put yourself in that position?” is the updated “what were you wearing?”
- In a continually evolving landscape of social media platforms, apps, video and photo sharing services, surveillance technology, and more, how can outreach efforts best target effective risk reduction, primary prevention, and changing social norms?
- How will pending Title IX regulations impact on technology-facilitated sexual violence?

**Sexual Assault
Awareness Month**
#DecodingDigitalAbuse

A woman with dark curly hair and glasses, wearing a yellow floral patterned shirt, is sitting at a desk. She is looking at a laptop screen and has her hand on the keyboard. A blue mug is on the desk next to the laptop. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with a plant and a window.

Learning Outcomes

- Provide an explanation of what constitutes digital abuse.
- Identify the similarities and differences between digital abuse and other forms of sexual violence.
- Inform on how to stay current on technologies related to digital abuse.
- Advise on how prevention education can encompass digital abuse.
- Discuss the pending Title IX regulations and their impact on digital abuse.

What Constitutes Digital Abuse?



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- **Revenge Porn:** intimate photos leaked/published without consent.
- **Non-Consensual Pornography:** photos taken for a partner's eyes, only to be eventually disseminated to others.
- **Upskirting:** snapping sexually intrusive photos, often of someone's genitals, without their knowledge.
- **Sextortion:** form of blackmail in which sexual information or images are used to extort.

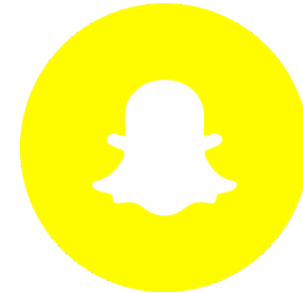
Technology's Role in Digital Abuse

- Calls / Texts
- Apps
- Photos / Videos
- GPS / Geotagging
- Spyware



Technology's Role in Digital Abuse

- Keystroke Logging
- Social Media
- Anonymizers
- Spoofing
- Online Class Forums

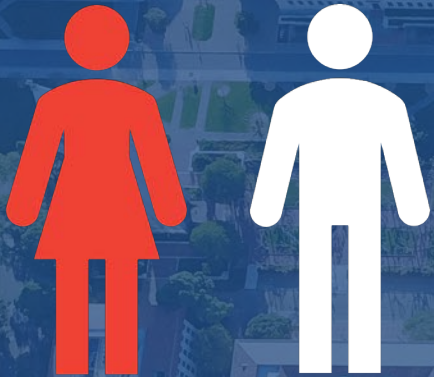


Impact of Digital Abuse



Prevalence as high as 1 in 12 (*Psychology of Violence*, 2017).

Impact of Digital Abuse



OR



Studies suggest rates may jump as high as 1 in 2 or 1 in 3 for marginalized groups, including LGBTQI individuals or those living with disabilities.

Impact of Digital Abuse



Research indicates 1 in 20 Americans perpetrate.

Source: [TruthOut.org](https://www.truthout.org)

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Similarities Between Digital Abuse and Other Forms of Violence

- Perpetrators Motivated by Power and Control
- Victim-Blaming
- Potential for Lasting Psychological Harm
 - PTSD
 - Depression
 - Suicidal Thoughts
 - Impact on Sex and Relationships
- Long History
- Economic Abuse Element
- Sexuality Shaming

- Misunderstood and More Tolerated
- Photos and Videos can be Altered
- Research Limited and New
- Possibility of Increased Vulnerability
 - Growing Role of Technology in Daily Life
 - Expanding Digital Histories
- Images Posted with Victim's Contact Information ("Doxxing")
- Most Images are Authored by Victims → They Retain Ownership Rights

A man with glasses is looking at a smartphone in a library setting. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. The image has a blue overlay.

Differences Between Digital Abuse and Other Forms of Violence

Staying Current on Technologies Related to Digital Abuse

- Follow Best Practice State Laws; See [Illinois](#)
- Better Understand What Makes Content Harder to Disseminate
- Provide Options for Victims to [Report](#) Images for Removal



Staying Current on Technologies Related to Digital Abuse

- Cultural Evolution
- Address technology hygiene
 - Password Strength
 - Device Passcodes and Remote Wiping
 - Don't Share Accounts
 - Public WIFI Concerns
 - Social Media Account Privacy





Encompass Digital Abuse in Prevention

- Include digital abuse when training on forms of sexual violence.
- Include options for active bystanders in bystander intervention training.
 - Don't sensationalize; interrupt community shaming aspect.
 - Don't visit hosting websites.
- Support friends who are victimized.
- Focus on perpetrator accountability.

- 46 states, DC, and Guam have [passed laws](#) on non-consensual pornography.
- Some do not feel safe turning to law enforcement or criminal justice systems.
- Notoriously long processes; outcome may not be fitting the crime.
- Like with all Title IX violations, necessary to offer a parallel institutional process option in higher education.



Encompass Digital Abuse in Policy

Sexual Exploitation

- Occurs when one person takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another for his/her own advantage or benefit, or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited, and that behavior does not otherwise constitute one or other sexual misconduct offenses.



Source: [ATIXA](#)

Examples of Sexual Exploitation

- Invasion of sexual privacy;
- Non-consensual digital, video or audio recording of nudity or sexual activity;
- Unauthorized sharing or distribution of digital, video or audio recording of nudity or sexual activity;
- Engaging in voyeurism;
- Going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as letting your friend hide in the closet to watch you having consensual sex);
- Sexually-based stalking and/or bullying may also be forms of sexual exploitation

Source: [ATIXA](#)

Policy for Sexual Exploitation

- Any person found responsible for violating the Sexual Exploitation or Sexual Harassment policies will likely receive a recommended sanction ranging from warning to expulsion or termination, depending on the severity of the incident, and taking into account any previous disciplinary violations.*
- *The decision-making body reserves the right to broaden or lessen any range of recommended sanctions in the case of serious mitigating circumstances or egregiously offensive behavior. Neither the initial hearing officers nor any appeals body or officer will deviate from the range of recommended sanctions unless compelling justification exists to do so.

Digital Abuse & Pending Title IX Regulations

- Proposed regs imply that cases of sex-based discrimination are not covered unless they derive from sexual harassment, which only is one form of discrimination.
- Due process lens.
- “Both” and “student” language exclude cases.
- Formal complaint language may not include hostile environments.
- Heightened evidentiary standard.
- Cross-examination.
- Clery Act estimate implications.
- Costs, training, timeframes.



Source: [ATIXA](#)

Three Critical Takeaways

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Increase Awareness and Understanding of Digital Abuse

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Educate All Populations

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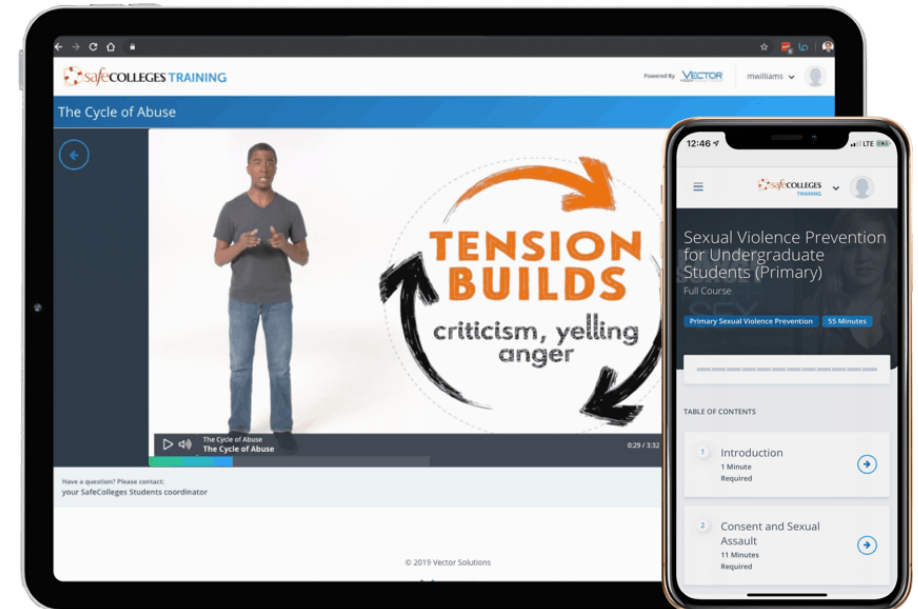
Use Policy as Prevention

Resources

- [Cybercivilrights.org](https://www.cybercivilrights.org)
- [Endrevengeporn.org](https://www.endrevengeporn.org)
- [Loveisrespect.org](https://www.loveisrespect.org)
- [Stalking Resource Center](#)
- [Techsafety.org](https://www.techsafety.org)

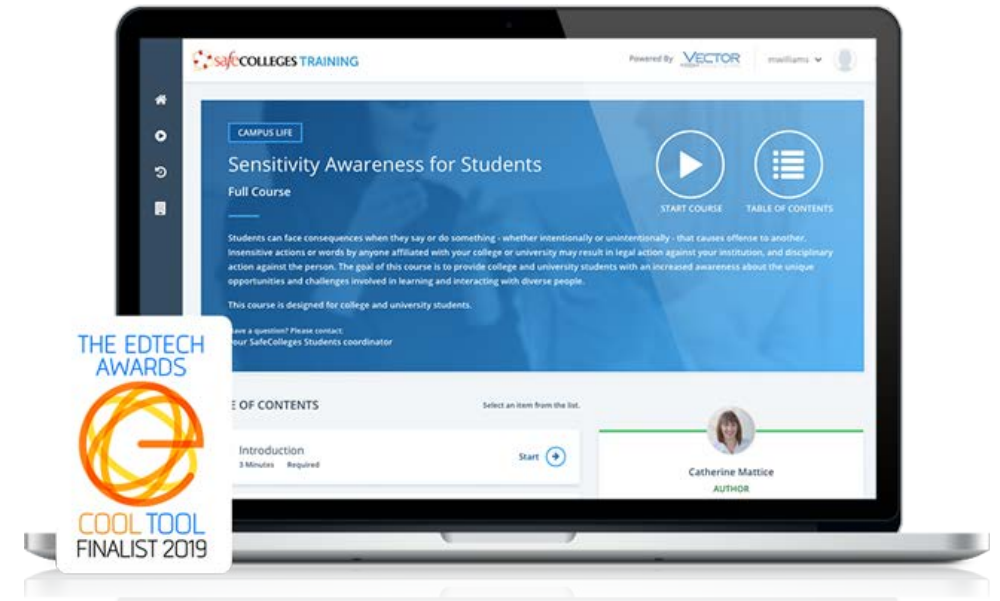
We're Here to Help

- **20+ Student Prevention Courses**
 - Primary Sexual Violence Prevention
 - Supplemental Sexual Violence Prevention
 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
 - Campus Life
 - Wellness
- Proven, Effective Training featuring Peer Presenters and Real-life Testimonials
- Can help you comply with federal legislation, such as the Clery Act, DFSCA, SaVE Act (VAWA), and Title IX.



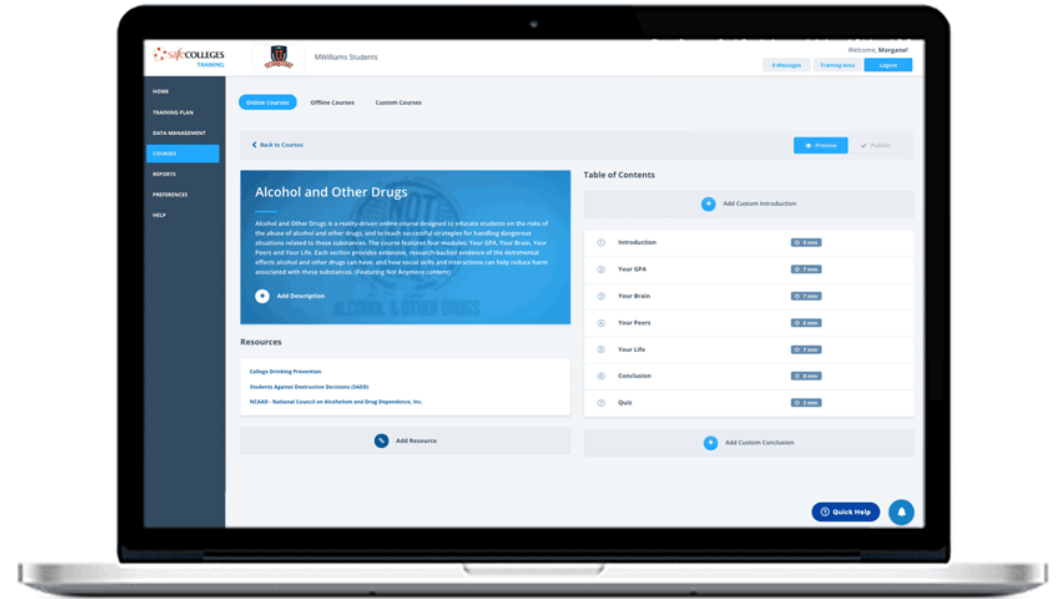
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- **150+ Employee Compliance Courses**
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 - Emergency Management and Security Information Technology
 - Transportation
 - And, many more!
- Can help you comply with state and federal legislation, such as ADA, sexual harassment, and Title IX.



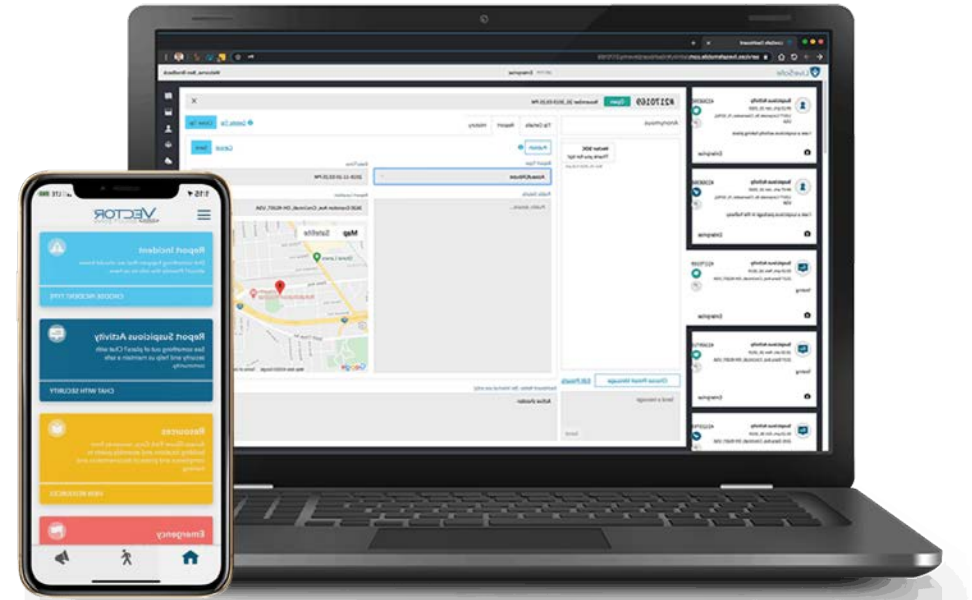
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- **Advanced and Easy-to-Use System Features**
 - Automation
 - Assessment Types
 - Course Customization and “Custom Course Tool”
 - Reporting & Comprehensive Analytics
 - SCORM-Compliant



We're Here to Help

- **LiveSafe Safety and Communication Platform**
 - Safety and Response Mobile Application
 - Administrative Dashboard
 - Anonymous Reporting
 - Broadcast and Check-in
 - SafeWalk and SafeDrive
 - Powerful Analytics
- Can be utilized by departments campus-wide to help manage and deliver critical communications.





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Q&A Discussion

Note: If your question doesn't get answered during the allotted time, we will follow up by email.

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