

Digital Sex Crimes Threatening Daily Life

CASES OF DIGITAL SEX CRIMES, PUNISHMENTS,
AND WAYS TO HANDLE DAMAGE -



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Group Digital Sex Crimes Exploiting Deepfake

Recently, there have been cases where deepfakes are exploited to produce and share sexual images through group efforts, resulting in numerous victims.



Sexual Image Creation: The act of synthesizing sexual images or videos using someone's photos

Deepfake Porn: The act of using AI technology to synthesize someone's face onto explicit content

Case #1

Student A admitted to creating deepfake pornography by synthesizing the face of a female student, sharing it with friends, and deleting it after viewing it with them.

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A took a photo of the female student last year, synthesized it into pornography, shared it with friends, and later deleted the photo. On the 26th, it was revealed that A (18) is being investigated while under detention for violating the Special Act on the Punishment of Sexual Crimes and other related charges.

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[Source] Yonhap News,
2024.08.26



Legal Penalties



Violation of the Act on Special Cases Concerning the Punishment of Violent Crimes (distributing harmful videos, etc.)
Up to 5 years in prison or a fine of up to 50 million won.



Crimes related to deepfake fall under 'New Digital Sexual Violence,' and both creators, distributors, and users can be punished.

Case #2

A student, D, confessed to receiving and storing a link that contained child and youth sexual exploitation material on their smartphone memo app.

"Using the overseas messaging app 'Discord,' minors were caught by the police selling and distributing illegal materials. They received gift cards in exchange for downloading child and youth sexual exploitation materials through a link on an overseas cloud service."

[Source] April 6, 2024, The National Daily



Legal Penalties



Violation of the Act on the Protection of Children and Adolescents from Sexual Abuse (possession of child and youth sexual exploitation material) A sentence of more than 1 year in prison.



Downloading or watching such victim videos also constitutes a secondary offense that spreads the harm of digital sex crimes. Particularly, downloading, possessing, or merely viewing videos involving children and youth can result in punishment.

Case #3

A student, P, confessed to purchasing and downloading explicit content (hidden camera footage) using the camera function on their PC, which they saved on their smartphone's photo album.

“ Teenagers were caught by the court for purchasing sexually explicit materials of traveling minors for 10,000 won. During the trial, they claimed to have learned the method of selling the videos and sent explicit materials to their contacts. ”

[Source] July 17, 2024, The Chosun Daily



Legal Penalties



Violation of the Act on Special Cases Concerning the Punishment of Sexual Crimes (possession of footage captured using cameras) Up to 3 years in prison or a fine of up to 30 millionwon.



Acts of creating, distributing, or possessing illegal footage or reproduction using a camera are punishable under Article 14, Section 4 of the Act on Special Cases Concerning the Punishment of Sexual Crimes.

When a digital sexual crime occurs

Help Request Agencies



Victim Reporting

- Emergency Report 112 / safe182.go.kr
- Korea Communications Standards Commission 1377
-> 3번 / www.kocsc.or.kr



Victim Counseling

- Digital Sexual Crime Victim Support Center 02-735-8994
<http://d4u.stop.or.kr>
(Korea Women's Human Rights Institute)
- Women's Emergency Hotline 1366

Deepfake

New form of digital
sexual crime

Sexual Crime Victim

Counseling Agencies

✓ Digital Sexual Crime Victim Support Center

Phone Counseling : 02-735-8994

Online : d4u.stop.or.kr



City/Province Digital Sexual Crime Regional
Specialized Counseling Centers

Daejeon	Daejeon YWCA Integrated Counseling Center	042-255-0078	djywca.or.kr/ds1_5.htm
Sejong	Chongchon General Welfare Center Integrated Family and Sexual Violence Counseling Center	044-866-1366	sejongsds.or.kr
Chungbuk	Cheongju YWCA Women's General Counseling Center	043-267-3006	i-web.kr/cjwomen
Chungnam	Asan Haedang Integrated Counseling Center	041-547-5004	woorifamily.net



It's a threat to our lives digital sex crimes

With the advancement of technology, digital sex crimes are the most important thing to do the risk is growing.

If the damage has occurred, please feel free to ask for help,
We hope there won't be much damage.

Also, please keep in mind that all acts of making and distributing videos, as well as using them, are subject to punishment.

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