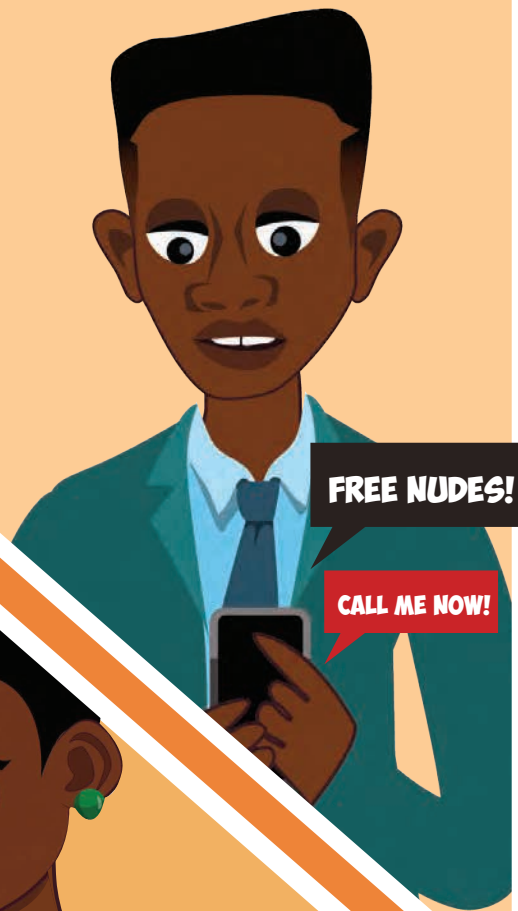


# UNDERSTANDING ONLINE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



**FREE NUDES!**

**CALL ME NOW!**

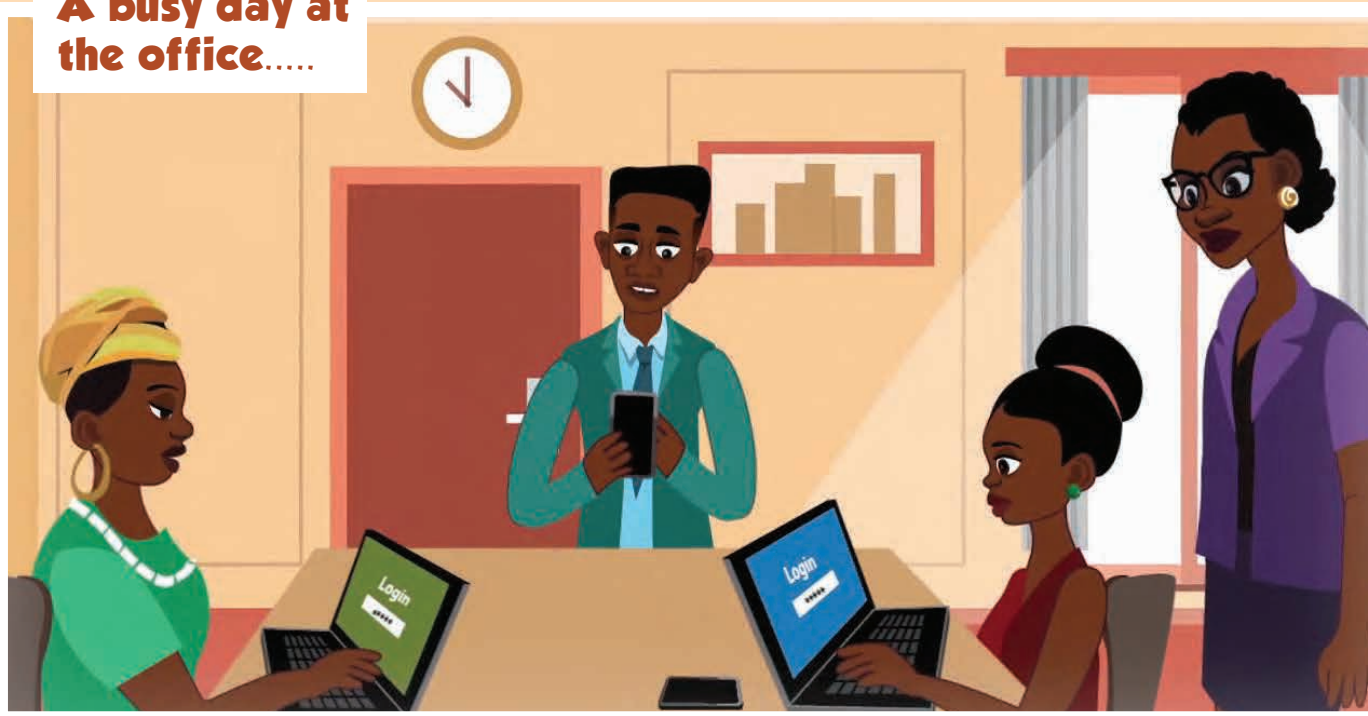
**CHEAP WOMAN!**

**YOUR NUDE!**

**LOOK LIKE A MAN!**



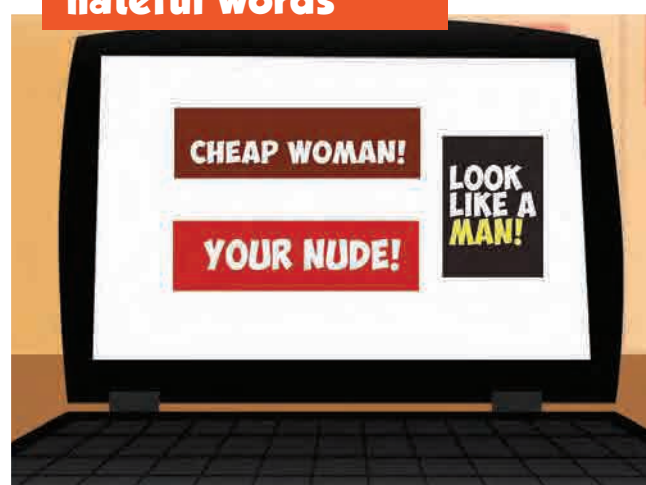
**A busy day at the office.....**



**Jane logs into her laptop...**



**...and finds a nasty surprise, full of hateful words**



**Shocked!**



**She instantly slams the laptop shut**



Feeling hurt,  
Jane starts to  
cry...



.. and her boss  
Lilian  
sympathizes



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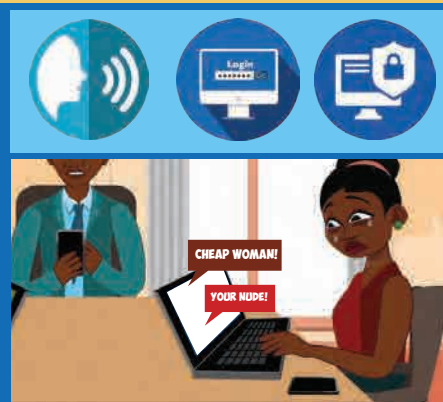
Do you know about online  
gender-based violence?



It is any act of violence committed or abetted, by the use of ICT tools like **laptops, phones, the internet, email or social media**. This act is directed towards someone against their will on the basis of gender.



Online GBV violates women's digital rights to **freedom of expression and association, right to access information, right to privacy and data protection** that can never be under looked because survivors have faced prejudice, emotional damage, loss of jobs and others have suffered physical violence.



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## What are the forms of online gender-based violence?



**Online sexual harassment, a violence inflicted when a harasser sends abusive, threatening, or obscene messages to a victim.**



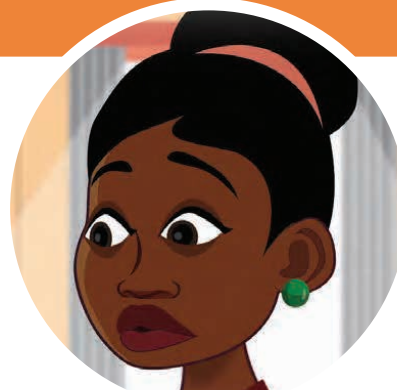
**Cyber stalking, a repeated surveillance by an individual or group toward another person with intention of harassing.**



**Non-consensual intimate images commonly known as revenge porn involves distributing of sexually explicit images or videos of a person on the internet without consent.**



**Trolling** involves posting of messages, uploading of images or videos and the creation of hashtags for the purpose of annoying, provoking or inciting violence against someone. Many "trolls" are anonymous and use false accounts to generate hate speech.



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### What can I do if am faced with violence online?



**Ask people around you for support.**



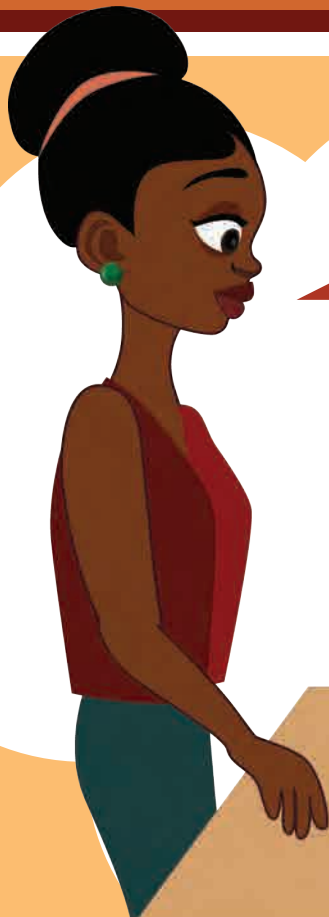
**Report the abusive accounts/content to the authorities and to the social media operators.**



**Document or write down the experience for later legal use.**



**Call a lawyer to help you file a lawsuit or report the matter to the nearest police station and file a report.**



**IM HERE TO REPORT A CASE INVOLVING ONLINE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**



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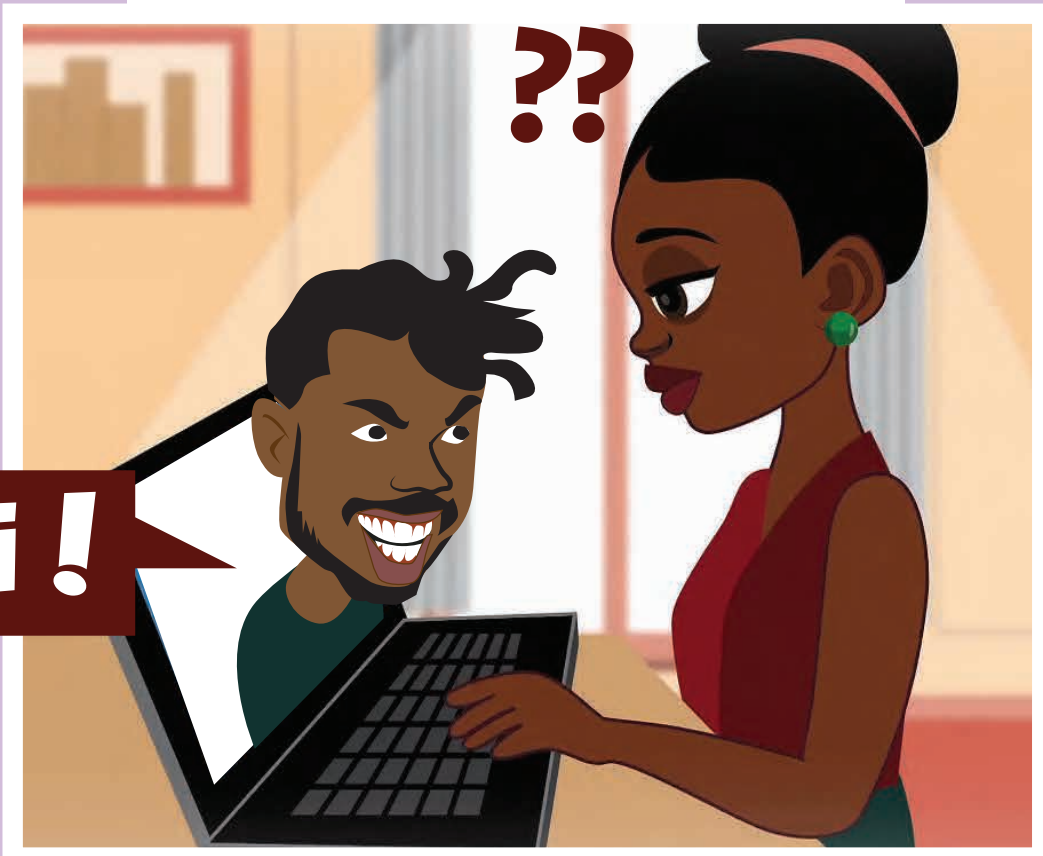
**Won't I be harassed or bullied again after I report the matter to police? how do I avoid it from happening again to me?**



**Do not be afraid to report the matter, it is your fundamental right to seek for protection.**

**Always use different passwords for different websites and accounts whenever required and remember your password is a secret known to only you.**

**Avoid Communicating with strangers online or participating in online forums or sites that encourage anonymity.**



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Do young girls or women like me also face violence online?



Everyone is vulnerable. We need to be vigilant and report any form of abuse and risk online because you are a potential victim.

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What are some of the laws in Uganda that I can refer to when reporting the case of violence or abuse online?



**The Computer Misuse Act of 2011, Data Protection and Privacy Act of 2019, Anti-Pornography Act of 2014 and the Penal Code Act** are some of the laws that you can refer to in addition to other specific social media and online privacy policies.



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