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Sex workers are regularly exposed to privacy violations. Their personal data, location, and identity details can be leaked, sold, or weaponised against them. Platforms often demand intrusive information such as passport copies or biometric face scans and fail to offer real control over data sharing. Governments enable such harmful and disproportionate practices through discriminatory age verification regulations that specifically target sexual content platforms.

Non-consensual sharing of intimate images (including deepfakes) is rising, and legal recourse is rare. Due to criminalisation and stigma, sex workers avoid reporting such incidents or seeking help. The result is constant fear of exposure, violence, or blackmail. In many platforms, privacy is sold as a commodity for users who are privileged enough to pay for it, which leaves sex workers and other marginalised communities open to attacks and exploitation. Privacy for sex workers is not a luxury; it is a necessity for our survival.

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