What is it?
Intimate image abuse is the capturing and distribution of private or intimate images or videos of an individual without their consent.

Threats:
Intimate image abuse exacerbates the discrimination sex workers face. Victims face victim-blaming attitudes and are judged due to their involvement in sex work.
Perpetrators of intimate image abuse threaten to publicly share the images or videos.
Sex workers face additional legal vulnerabilities when dealing with intimate image abuse due to the criminalisation of sex work.

Resistance:
Practising digital hygiene, such as using encrypted messaging apps and virtual private networks (VPNs), strong passwords and watermarking, can help protect privacy and prevent unauthorised access to personal data and images.
You can build support networks within sex work communities and allied organisations to provide mutual assistance.
You can seek legal assistance from sex workers and victims’ rights organisations to pursue legal remedies against perpetrators.
You can advocate for platform accountability and tools to prevent intimate image abuse.