

Jurisdictional Laws Cheat Sheet

Sex Work, Image Abuse, and AI Legality by Region

This cheat sheet gives a quick overview of laws affecting dominatrices, online sex workers, and digital content creators. It focuses on legality of sex work, intimate image abuse, AI deepfakes, and privacy protections in the UK, EU, and U.S. states.

United Kingdom

- Sex work (selling sex) is legal, but brothel-keeping, soliciting, and pimping are criminalised.
- Intimate image abuse (revenge porn, non-consensual recording) is illegal under the Online Safety Act 2023.
- Cyberflashing and deepfake abuse are prosecutable crimes.
- Strong privacy rights under the UK GDPR.

European Union

- Sex work laws vary by country:
 - Legal and regulated: Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Greece
 - Criminalised: Sweden, Norway, France (Nordic Model)
 - Partial legality: Spain, Italy, Belgium
- The EU Digital Services Act and GDPR offer protection against unauthorised data use and content hosting.
- Deepfakes can be pursued under image rights, copyright, or privacy law depending on country.

United States (Federal)

- No federal law legalises or criminalises sex work.
- FOSTA-SESTA (2018) made platforms liable for 'promoting' prostitution, leading to site bans.
- Deepfakes not clearly regulated federally, but some image-based abuse can be prosecuted under harassment or fraud statutes.

United States (State Examples)

- New York: Intimate image abuse illegal; deepfake porn is a Class A misdemeanour.
- California: Image-based sexual abuse outlawed; deepfakes used in revenge porn are civilly actionable.
- Texas: Image abuse and non-consensual deepfake creation both criminal offences.
- Florida: No law against deepfakes unless used for impersonation or identity theft.
- Nevada: Legalised sex work only in specific counties via licensed brothels.

General Advice

- Always document abuse and take screenshots.
- File takedown notices for stolen content.
- Consult a local digital rights org or solicitor if you're targeted.
- Don't rely on platform policies - appeal under national or regional law when possible.