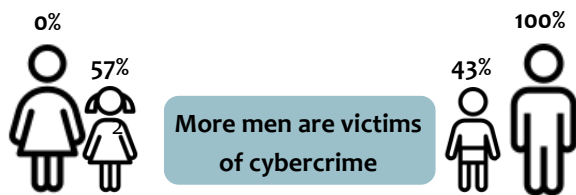
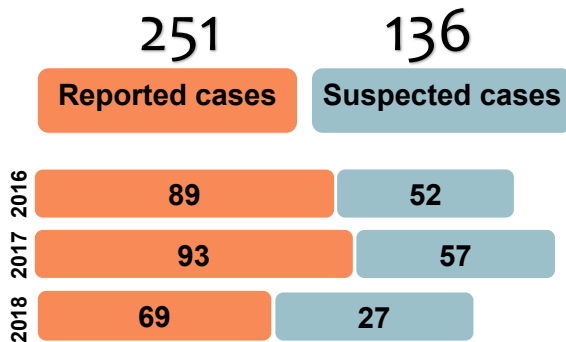
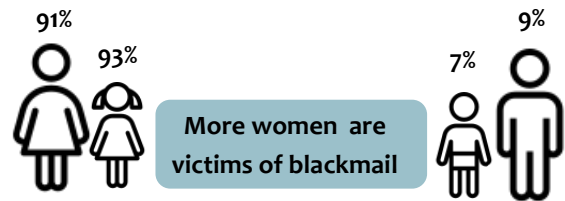
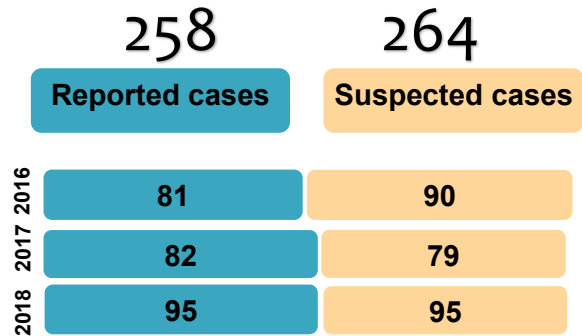


Statistics on Cybercrime and Blackmail cases reported to Maldives Police Service

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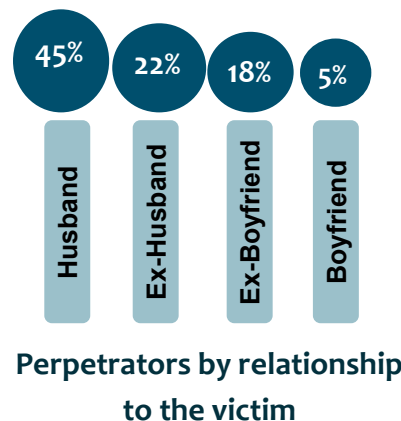
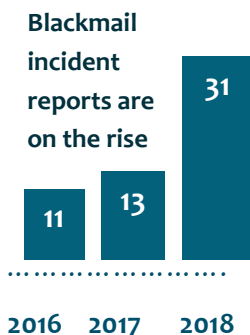
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Statistics on blackmail cases reported to Family Protection Authority

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Domestic violence cases involving blackmail was reported to FPA between 2016 and 2018



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"He threatened to leak some pictures that I had sent him when we were together, pictures that he had begged for before. He also made fake social media accounts to harass and intimidate me, and sent me texts that made me feel so insecure and violated that I changed my number. This continued for a couple of years, where he even stalked me and used the people around me to get to me. I was constantly in fear. It took me years to come to terms with the shock that someone who I thought could trust could do this. In hindsight I really wish I had reported.

Anonymous

Many people have similar accounts of such stories of blackmail and cybercrime, especially among intimate partners. The **fear, intimidation** and **harassment** causes long term **psychological trauma** for many survivors.

WARNING SIGNS

Look out for these warning signs in a relationship:

- Checking your phone or email without your permission
- Asking for your passwords
- Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- Explosive temper
- Emotional blackmail
- Isolating you from family or friends
- Physically hurting you in any way
- Pressuring you to do something you don't want to do
- Possessiveness
- Forcing unwanted physical contact



WAYS TO SEEK HELP

Someone who loves and respects you, will not threaten you, try to control you in any way, or use any private information they have on you against you. If this happens, get help.¹¹

REACH OUT TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST

No one should have to go through an unhealthy relationship alone. Identify someone you can trust and share with them. It can be family, a friend, a colleague, a teacher or a counselor.¹²

STAND YOUR GROUND. SAY NO

This might be easier said than done, but if you feel like it is safer to stand your ground, that might be a good option. Be sure to confide in someone first, as it can intensify the threat.

SAVE PROOF

If someone is threatening you via email, text or phone, take screenshots and keep them in a safe place. It can be a private account or with a person you trust. This will come in handy as evidence, should you choose to report the case.

REPORT

There are laws to protect you. The sooner you report, the sooner the relevant authorities will be able to help you and retrieve any personal information the perpetrator is using against you.

Maldives Police Service: 3000600 / 9790163

Ministry of Gender and Social Services: 3328393 / 1412

Family Protection Authority: 3010551

How to Navigate a Digital Relationship

What are the rules for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr, and Snapchat when it comes to a digital relationship?¹³

You can decide what feels healthy and what doesn't for you.

1 Passwords are private

Even if you trust each other, you don't have to share your passwords. Just to be safe, your phone passcode, social media passwords and bank account pin number etc. should be something only you know, so that you have control of your personal information.



2 Photos/texts are not an obligation

Once you send a photo/text, you lose control over who sees it. If you don't feel comfortable, you shouldn't have to text or send photos to each other, and neither of you should be made to feel obligated to do so.



3 Consent is key

It is not okay to assume that just because you consent to something once, that does not mean you are consenting to it forever. Never guilt each other into doing something by using your relationship.

4 Boundaries are healthy

Love is about respect and healthy relationships require respecting each other's boundaries. It is important to have different interests, friends, alone time, and digital privacy.



