



What is Misogyny?

Misogyny is hate against women & girls

- Catcalling
- Objectifying women and girls
- Gender stereotyping
- Prejudice behaviour
- Exclusion of women and girls from certain spaces
- Sexual harassment

It can cause women and girls to feel powerless, afraid and angry.

Misogyny Online

Misogyny is not new but the internet has created more widespread exposure to it. Children may come across it in both subtle and obvious ways. Misogyny is largely found in videos, images and forums or comment sections.

- Name-calling or slurs
- language suggesting women and girls are lesser than men and boys
- Pornographic or vulgar images
- Content that puts down women

The Links Between Online Pornography and Misogyny

By the age of 9, 10% of children have already seen pornography, increasing to 27% by 11. The abuse of women across pornography online exposes children and young people to misogyny. It normalises harmful behaviour and causes confusion in young people who are exposed about what is healthy.

If unchallenged, misogyny can lead to sexual harassment and sexual violence

Three Ways to Tackle Misogyny in Children

Talk about it (especially with boys)

- Keep talking about misogyny and online hate even when the news isn't.
- Tackle the tough topics before they find out somewhere else
- Ask them to tell you what they know
- Make these conversations a normal part of everyday life.

Understand the pressures

- Pressures from social media, friends and society could impact their thoughts and actions.
- Discuss how their friends might impact their actions
- Work together to set boundaries
- Show them how and when to seek support

Challenge the narrative

- People who promote misogyny prepare their followers for rejection. Challenge this.
- Instead of telling a child these ideas are wrong, ask them to talk about their beliefs.
- Ask critical thinking questions in a calm and positive way.

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Please get in touch if you are worried about a child or would like more information.

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