



# Online help-seeking & online safety in cases of VAWG

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**CSW67** EDUCATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE  
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The Nederlandse Vrouwenraad is hosting an online meeting at CSW67 on  
**ONLINE HELP-SEEKING AND ONLINE SAFETY IN CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

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| <b>3.45 PM CET</b> | Welcome in waiting room for meeting   | <b>9.45 PM EST</b>  |
| <b>4.00 PM CET</b> | Opening by <b>Kristine Evertz</b> , representing NVR/ European Women's Lobby    | <b>10.00 PM EST</b> |
| <b>4.10 PM CET</b> | Presentation by <b>Gjalt Hofstra, Robert Weinberg</b> and <b>Serap Yildirim</b> | <b>10.10 PM EST</b> |



The experts from safetyNed will talk about the importance of technology and the internet in cases of domestic violence. SafetyNed will show how to keep victims safe: what to do and what not to do. They work closely with tech companies and give trainings to professionals. <https://safetyned.org/>

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| <b>4.45 PM CET</b> | Presentation by <b>Marleen Gorissen</b> and <b>Valérie Pijlman</b> , both PHD-candidates | <b>10.45 PM EST</b> |
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Following their research topics and expertise, they will talk about the definition and problem (online) sexual violence and the consequences of (online) sexual violence. They will show the disclosure and help-seeking behaviour of victims and the barriers they experience. In addition they will talk about the online context of disclosure and help-seeking behaviour, and online disclosure after #MeToo. <https://nscr.nl/>

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| <b>5.15 PM CET</b> | Q&A and discussion. | <b>11.15 PM EST</b> |
| <b>5.30 PM CET</b> | Closing meeting.    | <b>11.30 PM EST</b> |



We have room for 100 participants.  
 Please register here:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sfu\\_uhrDMrGdROF-Jucg3EviHZzi4gejFI](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sfu_uhrDMrGdROF-Jucg3EviHZzi4gejFI)





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**Gjalt Hofstra** is a social worker at Perspektief where he coaches victims of domestic violence and he's an enthusiastic member of the safetyNed team since the beginning in 2017. The internet can be the only life-line for victims of domestic violence to reach out to loved ones. On the other hand, misuse of certain situations is also a big problem what makes the importance of being safe online necessary. His aim is to create a greater awareness of being safe online for both supporters of victims of domestic violence and the victims themselves. Safety First!

**Robert Weinberg** is a trainer on domestic violence for Blijf Groep of the safetyNed team from the start. Through his work he sees the importance the use of online technology is for victims of intimate partner violence. Contact with your network living elsewhere in the country or abroad, is necessary for support and healing from the abuse. Victims should use technology and the internet, but have to be extra aware of their safety when using them. Professionals have to pay attention to digital safety from the start and to do so, they need technological skills.

**Serap Yildirim** has been involved with safetyNed since 2018. She's very happy that her organization Moviera, as one of the forerunners, has chosen to advocate for the online safety of victims of domestic violence. Any victim is almost nowhere safe if online safety is not ensured and screened. Technology is used to control, stalk, intimidate and exploit victims. The challenge is that we learn to use the technology to create awareness and increase the safety of victims.

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**Marleen Gorissen**, MSc, is a researcher and PhD Candidate at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR). Her doctoral research examines sexual victimization in the digital era and online disclosure of sexual violence. She is interested in using innovative qualitative and quantitative research methods to support policy and resources that match the needs of victims of sexual violence.

**Valérie Pijlman**, MSc, is a PhD-candidate at the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR) in Amsterdam. Her doctoral research focuses on the help-seeking behavior of victims of sexual violence, including image-based sexual harassment and abuse, in particular the barriers and facilitators victims encounter in seeking help from informal and/or formal sources. With this, she aims to promote help-seeking by supporting changes in healthcare and policy.

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