

YOUR PASSPORT TO STAYING FREE IN A DIGITAL WORLD



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Hello,
This passport is not for relocation, aka 'japa' ,
it is for navigating the digital world safely.
Think of it this way; your phone, laptop, and
online accounts are your digital borders. Just
like at any border crossing, there are rules:
some protect you, some restrict you. Knowing
them will keep you from being arrested,
detained, or harassed unnecessarily.

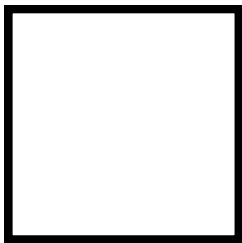
This Digital Rights Passport is your guide to:

- Your rights under Nigerian law
- Your obligations so you don't harm others online
- What to do if arrested, detained, or harassed online
- Where to find help

Carry it, use it and share it



Your Identity Page



 Name: _____

 University: _____

 Signature (promise): I pledge to respect
my digital rights and the rights of others.

Your Digital Rights Visa-Free Zones

These are the rights you carry anywhere you go in Nigeria:

- The Right to Freedom of Expression ¹
- Right to Privacy ²
- Protection from Cybercrimes ³
- Protection from Online Harassment & Revenge Porn ⁴
- Protection from Unlawful Detention (Right to personal liberty) ⁵
- Right to Fair Hearing ⁶

Stamp Box: Draw a ☒ each time you use one of these rights responsibly.

Restricted Zones (Avoid Arrest)

Here are the Top 10 ways your device can get you arrested
(And What the Law Actually Says)

■ Cyberstalking & Offensive Posts

Law: Cybercrimes Act, 2015; Section 24

Risk: Tweets, WhatsApp messages, or TikTok posts that someone calls “annoying,” “false,” or “insulting” can trigger arrest.

Shield: Section 39 of the Constitution protects freedom of expression, and demands legal counsel.

■ Fraud Allegations (“Yahoo Yahoo” Profiling)

Laws: Cybercrimes Act (sections 32–34)

Risk: Simply owning a laptop, multiple SIMs, or foreign contacts can lead to profiling.

Shield: Possession ≠ crime. Only evidence of fraud counts. Insist on due process.

¹Section 39 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

²Data Protection Act 2023

³Cybercrimes Act, 2015 (as amended 2024), Section 24

⁴Sections 14 & 24, Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act, 2015

⁵Section 35 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999

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■ Online Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

Law: VAPP Act, 2015

Risk: Cyber-harassment, revenge porn, threats to share nudes, or **sending obscene materials**.

Shield: Consent matters. Victims have a right to report; accused have rights to fair trial.

■ Spreading Fake News or Misinformation

Laws: Administration of criminal Justice Act, 2019, cybercrimes Act 2015

Risk: Sharing unverified news about government, elections, or public figures can lead to arrest.

Shield: Verify before posting. Remember: intention matters under the law.

■ Hate Speech & Incitement Online

Laws: Cybercrimes Act (s25), Terrorism Prevention Act

Risk: Posts or memes that encourage violence against ethnic/religious groups may be charged as incitement or terrorism.

Shield: Peaceful speech is protected, but avoid content that promotes hatred or violence.

■ Child Exploitation or Harmful Content

Laws: Child Rights Act, Cybercrimes Act

Risk: Possessing, sharing, or forwarding child sexual content or exploitative images is a serious offence.

Shield: Never store or share harmful material. Report suspicious content.

■ Data Privacy Breaches

Law: Nigeria Data Protection Act, 2023

Risk: Sharing someone's personal details, hacking into devices, or leaking private data without consent.

Shield: Always respect privacy. Know you have a right to control your own data too.

■ Using Devices for Financial Crimes

Laws: Money Laundering Act, Advance Fee Fraud Act

Risk: Using devices for crypto scams, online banking fraud, or unexplained transfers.

Shield: Keep clear records of financial transactions.

■ Unlawful Device Searches & Seizures

Laws: Constitution (S.35–37), Cybercrimes Act (search provisions)

Risk: Phones/laptops are often taken by police without a warrant.

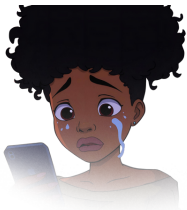
Shield: Ask: "Do you have a warrant?" Demand a lawyer. Privacy is protected under the Constitution.

■ Defamation & Online Insults

Laws: Criminal Code (defamation), Cybercrimes Act S 24

Risk: Calling out individuals or businesses online could bring civil suits or criminal complaints.

Shield: Truth and public interest are defences. But tread carefully with personal attacks.



Technology-Facilitated Gender Based Violence

Did you know?

According to a report titled “Countering Misogyny and Tech-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence in Nigeria” presented at the 69th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, USA, it was revealed that most girls & young women in Nigeria are targets of Technology Facilitated Violence including:

- Cyberstalking (45.5%),
- Doxxing (10.6%),
- Deepfakes (6.1%),
- Sexting (3%), and
- Revenge porn (1.5%)

If any of these happens to you, Here's what to do:

- Keep evidence (screenshots).
- Report via HBBA hotline or local law clinic. [080000704222]
- Block and report the accounts of perpetrators

Sharing intimate images without consent is a **CRIME**. Victims are protected under the VAPP Act. Respect others online. ***Everyone has the right to feel safe.***

What To Do If Stopped by Police

Think of this as your border control guide:

1. Stay calm, don't argue.
2. Ask calmly: "Why am I being stopped?"
3. If a device is seized, request a warrant
4. Do not fight or struggle with the law enforcement agents
5. Call a lawyer or HBBA toll free hotline. [080000704222]
6. Do NOT sign anything without legal help.

Remember: Arrest ≠ guilt. You have the right to defend yourself.



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