



Home Office

# Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Survey

Easy read version



## What is this survey about?

Thank you for taking part in this survey.

The government wants to know what people think about violence and crimes that mainly affect women and girls.

They will use the information to write a new plan to stop these types of crimes.

## Who can complete this survey?

- People who have not experienced violence or abuse
- People who have experienced violence or abuse
- People over 16
- Men
- Women



## What does 'violence against women and girls' mean?

It means violence or abuse that affect women and girls more than men. This can include sexual offences, domestic abuse, stalking, upskirting, female genital mutilation, 'honour-based' abuse as well as many others. These words are explained at the end of the survey.

Men and boys can also be victims of sexual violence or domestic abuse. Even though violence against women and girls affects all of us, these crimes can remain hidden from most people.

## How to take part in the survey

The survey will take about 20 minutes.

There are no right or wrong answers, please give honest answers.



All answers to the questions are anonymous, this means no one will know you took part.

You do not have to give your name.

If you don't want to answer any of the questions, just move on to the next question or finish doing the survey.

Some of the questions are about sexual crimes, being bothered or harassed by other people, domestic abuse and crimes that happen online such as sharing rude images without someone agreeing to it and posting things that are meant to upset people.

Thinking about these topics can be difficult.

If you have been upset by thinking about them and would like support, there is information about organisations that can help at the end of the survey.

## Questions



1. **Do you think these are crimes?**  
Tick if you think they are

Yes No

A person having sex without agreeing to it

A person forcing their partner to have sex when the partner has said they do not want to

A stranger making sexual remarks to a person walking down the street or in a public place

Someone at work being offered a better job if they agree to have sex with their boss

An individual sending someone photos of their private parts when the person doesn't want them

Uploading, or threatening to upload, private sexual images to the internet without the consent of the person in the image (sometimes known as "revenge porn")

A person being forced to get married to someone they do not want to marry

A partner or family member hitting their partner or someone else in the family

A romantic partner controlling what their partner wears

Someone sending abusive texts and messages online

A person giving you unwanted attention, for example, one who keeps showing up uninvited at your house, school, work or somewhere else where they know you will be

A person filming up someone's skirt without their permission

Strangling someone as a way of controlling their behaviour

A stranger pretending to be someone else in an online relationship

1b. Are there any other behaviours you think should be a crime,



2. Do you think violent crimes against women and girls are happening more than they did 5 years ago?

More often?

Less often?

About the same?

Not sure





**3. Do you think these things are true or false?**

Yes

No

Don't know

Domestic abuse can be done by both men and women

Violence against women and girls happens more often in a relationship between a man and a woman

Someone with a disability is more likely to suffer from violence against women and girls than someone without a disability

A person's race or religion can make them more likely to suffer from violence against women and girls

Domestic abuse always involves physical violence

A lot of people who say they have been raped are making it up

An increase in violent sex shown in films has meant more people have been sexually assaulted

People who use phone and internet sites to find sexual partners are more likely to be raped

An increase in violent sex shown in films has meant more people being asked to agree to have more violent sex

Younger people are more likely to suffer from violence against women and girls than older people

People may be partly responsible if they get raped when they have had too much to drink

4. **Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the internet. It can happen on any device that is connected to the web, like computers, tablets and mobile phones. It can happen anywhere online, including on social media.**



Yes No Don't know

Do you think violence against women and girls online happens more now than it did 5 years ago?

Do you think that violence against women and girls online can be as serious as violence that happens offline, for example in the street?

Do you think that violence against women and girls online happens more to younger people than older people?

Do you think that the types of crimes that happen to women and girls online are different to the types of crimes that happen to them offline?

5. **Do you think it would be easy to get help and support if you, a friend or family suffered from violence against women and girls?**



Yes, I think it would be easy to get help

No, I don't think it would be easy to get help

Don't know

6. **Do you think there should be more support for women and girls who are victims of violence?**

Yes, I think there should be more support

No, I think there is enough support

Don't know



6b. If you think there should be more support for women and girls, what would you like to happen?



7. Did you know the government already had a plan to stop violence against girls and women

Yes

No

Don't know



8.



Yes

No

Don't know

Do you think the government, the police and the courts care enough about violence against women and girls?

Do you think the government, the police and the courts believe that online violence is as serious as other violence that happens offline?

Do you think the government, the police and the courts believe that physical violence is more serious than violence that just makes them afraid or upset?

**9. Tick the 3 most important things the government must do to stop violence to women and girls**



Make sure the public know about these crimes

Stop violence against women and girls from happening, for example, by teaching children about these crimes

Longer sentences for the criminals

Reduce the time that victims have to wait for the court cases to happen

Better training for police, judges and courts on being a victim

Have more police officers so they can make more arrests

More funding for support services and helplines so they can help more victims

Extra support for victims who are old, disabled or who suffer any discrimination

More programmes for the criminals to change their behaviour and stop crimes happening again

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**10. If there is anything else you want to say about violence against women and girls, please write this below in the box.  
You can also draw if you are filling in a paper form**



**There is information on support services and how to contact them at the end of the survey if you need any help or advice after completing this survey.**

## More information:

Have you been a victim of any of the crimes mentioned in this survey?

Yes

No

I don't want  
to say

Is there anything you want to tell us that will help the government to make its plans to help women and girls who suffer from violence

### About you

How old  
are you?

Are  
you:

Male

Female

Other  
Please say

I don't want  
to say

Yes

No

Have you changed your sex from when you were born?

### What is your ethnic background?

White

Mixed / Different  
ethnic groups

Asian /  
Asian British

Black / African /  
Caribbean / Black British

## Other ethnic group, please describe

### What is your religion?

Baha'i

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Jain

Jewish

Muslim

Rastafarian

Sikh

Zoroastrian

Any other religion,  
please specify:

I don't want  
to say

### Which of the following best describes you?

Straight /  
Heterosexual

Gay

Lesbian

Bisexual

Other sexual orientation,  
please specify:

I don't want  
to say

### Do you have any long-term illness or disability?

Yes

No

I don't want  
to say

### Where do you live?

North East

North West

Yorkshire &  
The Humber

West  
Midlands

East  
Midlands

East of  
England

South West

South East

Greater  
London

Wales

Other, please  
say which:

## Getting more help and support

If you are a victim of violence and need help and support then call the **police on 999** if the abuse is still happening and it's an emergency or you are in danger.

The police take domestic violence seriously and will be able to help and protect you.

**Call 101 if it's not an emergency.**

Other organisations who can help

**Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge**  
**0808 200 0247**

### **Beyond the Streets**

Beyond the Streets provides a confidential service for women who are involved in prostitution and want to look at ways out of it.

**Telephone: 0800 133 7870 (call back service)**

**Email: [support@beyondthestreets.org.uk](mailto:support@beyondthestreets.org.uk)**

### **Bawso (Wales)**

Bawso is a voluntary organisation in Wales providing services to black and minority ethnic (BME) women and children who have been made homeless through domestic abuse. Bawso also help BME women facing forced marriages, and 'honour-based' abuse.

**Telephone: 0800 7318147 (24hr)**

**Email: [info@bawso.org.uk](mailto:info@bawso.org.uk)**

### **Dyn Wales Helpline**

The Safer Wales Dyn Helpline provides free support to men who experience domestic abuse in Wales.

**Telephone: 0808 801 0321 (Monday and Tuesday 10-4pm, Wednesday 10-1pm)**

**Email: [support@dynwales.org](mailto:support@dynwales.org)**

### **Galop**

Galop run a helpline for Lesbian and Gay people who have experienced hate crime, domestic abuse or sexual violence.

**Telephone: 0800 999 5428 (Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Wednesday-Thursday 10am-8pm)**

**Email: [advice@galop.org.uk](mailto:advice@galop.org.uk)**

### **Karma Nirvana**

Karma Nirvana support victims of 'honour-based' abuse and forced marriage. They have a national helpline to support victims and professionals.

**Telephone: 0800 599 9247 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)**

**Email: [info@karmanirvana.org.uk](mailto:info@karmanirvana.org.uk)**

### **Live Fear Free Helpline (Wales)**

The Live Fear Free Helpline, run by Welsh Women's Aid, provides free, 24-hour help and advice about violence against women and girls, domestic abuse and sexual violence. They also offer support for those experiencing honour-based abuse or forced marriage.

**Telephone: 0808 80 10 800 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)**

**Email: [info@livefearfreehelpline.wales](mailto:info@livefearfreehelpline.wales)**

### **Male Survivors Partnership**

The Male Survivors Partnership supports organisations working with male victims of sexual abuse.

**Their helpline is: 0808 800 5005 (Monday-Wednesday 9am-5pm, Thursday 8am-8pm, Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-2pm).**

**There is also a text service and online chat function available via Safeline: <https://www.safeline.org.uk/contact-us/>**

### **ManKind Initiative**

Mankind offers support to male victims of domestic abuse. Their helpline gives emotional support and practical information.

**Telephone: 01823 334 244 (Monday-Friday 10am-4pm).**

### **NAPAC (National Association for People Abused in Childhood)**

NAPAC offers support to adults who have suffered childhood abuse, including physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect. They also help those who care for and work with victims.

**Telephone: 0808 801 0331 (Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm and Friday 10am-6pm)**

**Email: [support@napac.org.uk](mailto:support@napac.org.uk)**

### **National Domestic Abuse Helpline (run by Refuge)**

Refuge's National Domestic Abuse Helpline provides free, confidential support 24 hours a day to victims of domestic abuse and those who are worried about friends or loved ones.

**Telephone: 0808 2000 247 (24 hours a day)**

**Email (via website): <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/Contact-us>**

### **NSPCC / Childline**

The NSPCC helpline can provide advice and support if you are concerned about a child.

**Telephone: 0808 800 5000 (Monday to Friday 8am – 10pm or 9am – 6pm at the weekends)**

**Email: [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) ,**

**Website- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>**

**Childline offers free, confidential advice to children and young people.**

**Telephone: 0800 1111 (7.30am and 3.30am every day).**

**Online chat function:**

**<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/>**

## **Rape Crisis England and Wales**

Rape Crisis Centres provide support to women and girls who have experienced sexual violence. The Rape Crisis National Helpline offers free, confidential emotional support and information.

**Telephone: 0808 802 9999 (every day between 12-2.30pm and 7-9.30pm)**

**Rape Crisis Live Chat: Live Chat is a free, text-based support service.**

**For more information: <https://rapecrisis.org.uk/get-help/want-to-talk/>**

## **Respect**

Respect is an organisation which helps men and women who are harming their partners and families, as well as a helpline for male victims of domestic abuse and those supporting them.

Respect Phonenumber:

**Telephone: 0808 802 4040 (Monday-Friday 9am-8pm)**

**Email: [info@respectphonenumber.org.uk](mailto:info@respectphonenumber.org.uk)**

## **Respect Men's Advice Line:**

**Telephone: 0808 8010 327 (Monday-Friday 9am-8pm)**

**Email: [info@mensadvice.org.uk](mailto:info@mensadvice.org.uk)**

## **Revenge Porn Helpline**

This helpline supports adults (aged 18+) who are experiencing revenge porn.

In the current Coronavirus situation, the Helpline is operating an email only service, and voicemail messages may not be answered immediately.

Please contact by email on

**[help@revengepornhelpline.org.uk](mailto:help@revengepornhelpline.org.uk): open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.**

## **National Male Survivors- Safeline**

This helpline is a service for men and boys in England and Wales affected by rape or sexual abuse and those that support them.

Telephone: 0808 800 5005 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 8am-8pm and Saturday 10am-2pm)

**Email (via website): <https://www.safeline.org.uk/contact-us/>**

## **Southall Black Sisters**

Southall Black Sisters help with domestic and gender-related violence, including forced marriage and 'honour-based' abuse. They provide advice, information and counselling in several languages.

**Telephone: 0208 571 9595 (Monday to Friday from 9-5pm)**

**Email (via website): <https://southallblacksisters.org.uk/contact-us/>**

## **Stay Safe East**

Stay Safe East provides support services to disabled people who are victims of domestic or sexual violence.

**Telephone: 0208 519 7241**

**Email: [enquiries@staysafe-east.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@staysafe-east.org.uk)**

### **National Male Support Service - SurvivorsUK**

SurvivorsUK support men, boys, and transexual victims of violence.

They offer counselling and an online helpline.

**Website:** [www.survivorsuk.org](http://www.survivorsuk.org) (Monday-Sunday 12pm-8pm)

**Email:** [info@survivorsuk.org](mailto:info@survivorsuk.org)

### **Suzy Lamplugh Trust**

Suzy Lamplugh Trust gives support and advice to victims of stalking, their friends, family, and those working with victims.

**Telephone:** 0808 802 0300 (9:30am-4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1pm-4pm Wednesday)

**Email (via website):**

<https://www.suzylamplugh.org/forms/national-stalking-helpline-enquiry-form>

### **The Survivors Trust**

The Survivors Trust provides advice and support for people who have experienced rape and sexual violence.

**Telephone:** 0808 801 0818 (Monday-Friday: 10am-8:30pm, Saturday from 10am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-4:30pm and 6pm-8:30pm and Sunday from 1:30pm-4:30pm and 6pm-8:30pm)

**Email:** [info@thesurvivorstrust.org](mailto:info@thesurvivorstrust.org) [www.thesurvivorstrust.org](http://www.thesurvivorstrust.org)

### **Women's Aid**

Women's Aid provides support for women suffering sexual or domestic violence or abuse.

**Live Web Chat:** <https://chat.womensaid.org.uk/> (Monday to Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-12pm)

**Email:** [helpline@womensaid.org.uk](mailto:helpline@womensaid.org.uk)



