

Gender based violence

DEFINITIONS

Gender-based violence is any prejudicial act perpetrated against a person because of their real or assumed sex, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. Any act of violence that may cause physical, sexual, psychological or economic harm or suffering, including the threat of such acts, is considered to be gender-based violence.

Gender-based violence can take many forms

- **physical violence:** beatings, burns, preventing sleep, etc.
- **verbal violence:** shouting, insults, etc.
- **sexual violence:** rape, sexual assault, excision, etc.
- **psychological violence:** humiliation, belittling, not speaking, etc.
- **cyber-violence:** non-consensual dissemination of intimate sexual content, online harassment, etc.
- **gynaecological violence:** smear tests without consent, refusal of abortion, etc.
- **economic violence:** checking bank accounts, giving money in dribs and drabs, etc.
- **administrative violence:** confiscation of papers, refusal of passport, etc.

KEY FIGURES

33%

33% of women living in the European Union have experienced physical and/or sexual violence.

213 000

Every year, 213,000 women in France suffer physical and/or sexual violence at the hands of a current or former partner.

55%

In France, more than half of all women who have suffered physical and/or sexual violence at the hands of their partner or ex-partner have not sought any help (consulted a doctor, spoken to the social services about their situation, met with an association, etc.).

KEY FIGURES

37%

37% of French women say they have already experienced a "situation of non-consent".

ISSUES



Gender-based violence is based on an imbalance of power. It is used to humiliate and make a person or group of people feel inferior.



Gender-based violence has serious consequences for all areas of victims' lives: social life, economic situation, physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health, etc.



Gender-based violence is linked to each other by a continuum, a link which means that the smallest acts of violence give rise to increasingly serious acts of violence.

RESOURCES



The "Arrêtons les violences" platform offers resources for victims, witnesses and professionals:
<https://arretonslesviolences.gouv.fr/>



The Nous Toutes association has produced a series of infographics on gender-based violence in France:
<https://www.noustoutes.org/sinformer/>



The website violences-sexuelles.info provides a wealth of information on sexual violence: <https://violences-sexuelles.info/>

Our training courses to take you further
(in French only) :

- Gender-based and sexual violence
- Marital and domestic violence

THE CONTINUUM OF VIOLENCE

