

**Violence against Women and Girls: Your Stories**

**Easy Read Version**

**Overview**

Police Scotland want to hear from women and girls about violence they have experienced.

This will help us decide how to respond to violence.

This will help us listen, understand and respond to what you think.

We know that men and boys also experience violence. We want to hear from women and girls because of how often they experience violence.

This will help everyone.

If you are 16 years old or above, you can take part.

You do not have to fill in every box if you do not want to.

This is **not** for reporting crime.

There are ways to contact Police Scotland.

Find out more online at: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/contact-us/>

If you need help from the Police in an emergency, call 999.

**How will we use your personal information?**

When you send the survey back to us we save it separately from your email.

If you fill out the survey you agree to Police Scotland using your data for their reports.

Your replies are anonymous.

No one will know it is your information in any reports.

**How do I take part?**

You can fill out this survey on your computer, then save it and email it to:

[insightengagement@scotland.police.uk](mailto:insightengagement@scotland.police.uk)

Or print a copy, write in your answers then scan it and email it to:

[insightengagement@scotland.police.uk](mailto:insightengagement@scotland.police.uk)

If you cannot use the internet to send an email with your completed survey, please go to the public counter of your local police station.

Take this survey with you.

Ask the staff member to send this in internal mail to **‘Strategy, Insight and Engagement – Research & Insight’ at Fettes** and then it will get to us.

Send us your survey before 5 September 2022.

If you have questions or if you want to do the survey over the phone please phone the Insight Team on: 07467 118 010

Or email: [insightengagement@scotland.police.uk](mailto:insightengagement@scotland.police.uk)

**There are several parts in the survey.**

**Click on the box of the answer you agree with and a tick will appear.** You can test it out with this box here.

If you change your mind you can click it again to untick it.

If you are filling out a paper copy, tick the box of the answer you agree with.

There is space for you to write about your experience.

If you are typing, the space will get bigger as you type.

You do not have to answer a question if you do not want to.

**Part one: Tell us your story.**

Here are some things to think about when you tell us your experience:

* A time you did not feel comfortable in private, public or online.
* You might have experienced violence.
* Where were you and what happened?

You can tell us about more than one time if you want to.

Please write your answer below:

Did you experience or witness this?

* Experienced this
* Witnessed this

**What do we mean by experiencing or witnessing?**

Experience is when something happens to your directly.

Witness is when you saw or heard something happen to someone else.

**Part two: what happened next?**

Here are some things to think about when you tell us your experience:

* Did you report this to the police?
* If you did report it to the police, how did you feel about the way the police responded?
* If you did not feel able to report it, could you tell us more?

Please write your answer below:

When did this happen?

* Very recently
* 6 months ago
* 12 months ago
* 2 years ago
* 3 years ago
* 4 years ago
* 5 years ago
* Longer than 5 years ago
* Historical (20 years or longer ago)

**Part three: feelings and impact.**

Here are some things to think about when you tell us your experience:

* How did this make you feel?
* In what ways did this affect you and your life?

Please write your answer below:

**Part four: Future solutions.**

Here are some things to think about when you tell us your experience:

* In the future, what do you hope would be different?
* For example, with the police or anything else?

Please write your answer below:

**Part five: About you.**

We ask these questions to make sure we get lots of different types of people answering this survey.

**You do not have to answer any of these questions if you do not want to.**

1. Are you answering this survey:

* As an individual
* As part of a group
* Prefer not to say

1. Do you think of yourself as:

* A man
* A woman
* Non-binary

(I do not see myself as only a man or only a woman)

* In another way

1. Do you think of yourself as trans or do you have a transgender history?

* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to say

1. How old are you?

Write it here:

1. Sexual orientation means what kinds of people you love or have sexual or romantic feelings about.

Do you think of yourself as:

* Heterosexual or straight
* Bisexual
* Gay
* Lesbian
* Any other sexual orientation

1. Do you consider yourself to have a disability, long-term illness or health condition?

Long-term illness means it has lasted for over a year.

* Yes  go to question 7.
* No  go to question 8.

1. Does this disability or health condition affect you in any of these ways?

* Vision – how I see
* Hearing
* How I use my hands
* Mobility – for example walking or climbing stairs
* Learning, understanding or concentrating
* Remembering things
* Mental health
* I get out of breath or tired easily
* How I behave around other people
* None of the above
* In another way

Please tell us what:

1. What is your ethnicity?

Ethnicity is the word we use to describe our background.

People from an ethnic group might have the same language, culture or religion.

What best describes you?

If you tick ‘other’ please tell us what your ethnicity is.

**White**

Scottish

Other British

Irish

Gypsy or Traveller

Polish

Roma

Showman/Showwoman

Any other white ethnic group

**Mixed or multiple ethnic group**

Any mixed or multiple ethnic group

**Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British**

Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish,

Bangladeshi British

Chinese, Chinese Scottish, Chinese British

Indian, Indian Scottish, Indian British

Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish,

Pakistani British

Any other Asian

**African**

African, African Scottish, African British

Any other African

**Caribbean or Black**

Black, Black Scottish, Black British

Caribbean, Caribbean Scottish,

Caribbean British

Any other Caribbean or Black

**Other ethnic group**

Arab, Arab Scottish, Arab British

Any other ethnic group

Write your answer here:

**Thank you for telling us what you think.**

What you tell us is important.