Not Alone



Anyone, anywhere can be subject to gender-based harm and violence. It isn't dictated by the colour of your skin, your education, nor your wealth (or lack of it). It can happen on the street, in the home, in the work place, online, and **in churches too.**

It doesn't have to be that way.

"For I am Your unique creation, filled with wonder and awe. You have approached even the smallest details with excellence; Your works are wonderful"

Psalm 139

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"You are the God who sees me"
Genesis 16:13

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Working to end gender-based violence



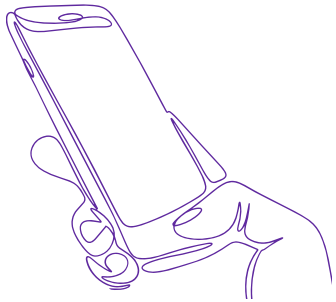
"She is strong and respected and not afraid of the future."
Proverbs 31:25

Who Are Integrity?

The Church of Scotland's Gender-Based Violence Task Group, Integrity, works alongside the wider Church to help create communities of safety, compassion, and hope.

Through raising awareness and developing practical resources, the group seeks to support congregations in responding thoughtfully and faithfully to gender-based violence, including violence against women, girls, and children — encouraging churches to become places where people are heard, believed, valued, and supported.

Where To Find Help?



Scottish Women's Aid
0800 027 1234

Rape Crisis Scotland
08088 01 03 02

Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline
0800 027 1234 or text 07401288595

Shakti Women's Aid
0131 475 2399

GALOP: National Helpline for LGBTQ+ Victims and Survivors of Abuse and Violence
0800 999 5428

AMIS: Abused Men in Scotland
03300 949 395

Church of Scotland Safeguarding
If you suspect or witness harm or abuse, or if it is reported to you, you must immediately report it to your Congregational Safeguarding Coordinator or your line manager who will seek the advice of the Safeguarding Service. If you are unable to report to your Safeguarding Coordinator or line manager for any reason, you must report the concern directly to the Safeguarding Service. If a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm, you must contact Police on 999 to enable the appropriate emergency response to ensure the person is safe.

Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service
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What is Gender-Based Violence and VAWG?



Gender-based violence (GBV) is abuse or violence that happens because of unequal power, expectations or discrimination related to gender.

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is violence, abuse, or harmful behaviour that is directed at women and girls because they are women and girls, or that disproportionately affects them.

"VAWG occurs in every community across Scotland. It is often overlooked, minimised, accepted as the norm, or justified to protect the so-called honour of a family, community, or faith group."

Taken from the Scottish Government's 'Equally Safe' Strategy 2023