

Violence against women: Resources for policing

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Training, guidance and research for police forces in England and Wales

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The College of Policing and key stakeholders have produced a list of supporting materials to help forces address vulnerability, violence and abuse and to manage the risk posed by perpetrators.

We have guidance, resources and training for officers and staff working to protect women and girls, most of which is easily accessible online. We're committed to continuously improving these resources, using the evidence base to review and update them, and supporting forces to be victim-led and perpetrator-focused.

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For our College Learn resources you will need to be logged in.

For more information, you can go to the [violence against women and girls toolkit](#). The toolkit contains a list of misogynistic behaviours and the offences under which they could be prosecuted, alongside tactics and protective tools that can be used to prevent further reoffending.

Identifying vulnerability

Support for police officers and staff to help them identify vulnerability and situations that could present risk of harm.

Our public protection learning programme raises awareness of the areas of exploitation and abuse committed against adults and children:

- [Initial response: 40-minute College Learn e-learning](#)
- [Abusive relationships: 30-minute College Learn e-learning](#)
- [Family disturbance: 30-minute College Learn e-learning](#)

- [Man in distress: 30-minute College Learn e-learning](#)
- [Missing daughter: 25-minute College Learn e-learning](#)

Abuse towards younger persons

- [Investigating child abuse and safeguarding children: APP](#)
- [Responding to child sexual exploitation: APP](#)
- [Female genital mutilation: APP](#)
- [Tackling online grooming – toolkit: College Learn module](#)
- [Specialist child abuse investigation development programme: College Learn module](#)

Rape and sexual offences

Warning: some of this material may cause distress.

- [Rape and sexual offences: APP](#)
- [Rape, myth and reality: 30-minute College Learn e-learning](#)
- [Rape – the initial response: 45-minute College Learn e-learning](#)
- [Impact of upskirting on victims: College Learn](#)
- [Rape and Serious Sexual Offences \(RASSO\) for First Responders: 180-minute Colle...](#)
- [Non-contact sexual offences: 60-minute College Learn e-learning](#)

Domestic abuse

- [Domestic abuse: APP](#)
- [Coercive control: 8-minute College Learn e-learning](#)
- [Forensic marking to protect victims of domestic abuse](#)

Stalking or harassment

- [Stalking or harassment: APP](#)

- [Domestic abuse and stalking perpetrators: National Police Library](#)

Honour based abuse or forced marriage

- [Forced marriage and honour based abuse: APP](#)
- [Do frontline practitioners recognise the signs of honour based abuse?](#)

Modern slavery and human trafficking

- [Modern slavery: APP](#)
- [Modern slavery programme specification: College Learn](#)

Adults at risk

- [Vulnerable adults: APP](#)

Management of sexual and violent offenders

- [Managing sexual offenders and violent offenders: APP](#)
- [Active risk management – programme specification: College Learn](#)

Behaviour change in policing

- [Sexism and misogyny in policing](#)
- [Challenging misogyny in policing](#)

Public spaces

- [Mapping public space violence against women and girls](#)
- [Safety of women at night](#)
- [Project Vigilant – preventing sexual violence](#)

Additional resources

Operational advice products, provided by the National Police Chiefs' Council, are available on the Knowledge Hub in most areas covering public protection.

- [Knowledge Hub: you'll need to sign up to access these resources](#)

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