

# Policing strategies

Effective policing strategies for reducing crime.

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**Hot spots policing** and **problem-oriented policing** are both policing strategies that can be effective at reducing a wide range of different crimes, including violence, in a variety of different contexts.

Hot spots policing requires the police to target resources and activities to those places where crime and harm are most concentrated. To implement this strategy, the police will need to know where and when violence against women and girls (VAWG) is concentrated.

Similarly, problem-oriented policing requires the police to implement tailored and targeted interventions based on an analysis of the nature and extent of a problem that draws on a range of data and intelligence sources. Problem-solving approaches can be used in identified hot spots.

Given concerns about the reporting and recording of VAWG, the police will need to consider the extent to which its crime and incident data accurately reflects women and girls' experiences of victimisation, and proactively take steps to address any identified gaps in its understanding of the problem.

- Strong evidence

## Tags

Violence against women and girls