



Dundee International Women's Centre
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Harmful Practices



Honour-Based Violence

Violence which is thought justified to protect or restore the 'honour' of a family following 'transgressions'. It can include **physical abuse, bullying, sexual violence, abduction, forced marriage**, and in its most extreme form, **murder**.



Forced Marriage

Forced marriage is a **form of violence** against women, gender-based violence and, when children are involved, **child abuse**. Most cases involve **younger women and girls aged between 13 and 30**. **Forced marriage is against the law in Scotland**.



Female Genital Mutilation

Female Genital Mutilation (**FGM**) comprises **all procedures** that involve **partial or total removal of the external female genitalia**, or other **injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons**.

How can you help?

- Be sensitive and non-judgemental
- Gather information from the person and offer support.
- Get advice from specialist organisations.
- See them in a secure and private place.
- Recognise and respect their wishes
- Reassure the victim about confidentiality, and where it may not be possible to maintain confidentiality (eg, an adult protection concern)



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