



STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ISTANBUL CONVENTION A TOOL TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

W hat change will the Convention bring to women's lives?

When ratifying the Convention, states have an obligation to change their laws, introduce practical measures and allocate resources to create a zero tolerance zone for violence against women and domestic violence. More concretely, the Convention asks the states to:

■ Provide safety and support for victims to rebuild their lives:

- ▶ free national telephone helpline
- ▶ shelters in sufficient numbers
- ▶ medical, psychological and legal counselling
- ▶ help with housing and financial issues
- ▶ support in finding employment

■ Protect victims at risk by introducing:

- ▶ emergency barring orders
- ▶ restraining and protection orders
- ▶ risk assessment and risk management

■ Invest in preventive measures to:

- ▶ tackle the root problem of violence against women – inequality and discrimination
- ▶ change attitudes, gender roles and stereotypes including through and in partnerships with the media and the private sector
- ▶ empower women
- ▶ involve men and boys
- ▶ support NGOs and their work at the service of victims of violence

Support the ratification of the Istanbul Convention!
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