

# All students have the right to feel **safe**

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call triple zero (000).

From 1 January 2026, higher education providers must comply with the new law to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

The Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator will monitor and enforce provider compliance with the new law, called the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code). Find out more at [education.gov.au](https://www.education.gov.au).

Gender is a social concept that includes our understandings and views on sex, gender identity and sexual orientation.

Gender-based violence is any physical or non-physical violence or abuse based on someone's gender, that harms, controls, or causes fear. It can include:

- physical violence
- sexual violence
- emotional violence
- psychological violence
- social violence
- financial violence
- cyber abuse
- stalking or monitoring
- family and domestic violence
- intimate partner violence.

All students, including women, girls and LGBTQ+ students, have the right to be safe, whether on campus or online, participating in university sports, or completing research and prac placements off campus.

Further information is available at [studyassist.gov.au](https://studyassist.gov.au).

There are phone and online supports available:

Call **1800RESPECT** | 1800 737 732 or visit [1800RESPECT.org.au](https://1800respect.org.au).

Men with concerns about mental health, relationships or using or experiencing family violence can call MensLine Australia on **1300 78 99 78** or visit [mensline.org.au](https://mensline.org.au).