

Australian Government

Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator

All students deserve to feel safe.

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

A new law and a new **gender-based violence regulator** is here to make campuses and student accommodation safer for students.

What is the new law?

A new law is in place requiring all higher education providers to prevent and respond to gender-based violence – including in student accommodation.

What is gender-based violence?

Gender-based violence is physical or non-physical violence or abuse against someone based on their gender, that harms, controls, or causes fear.

Someone in your life may be making you feel uncomfortable by how they treat you. Their behaviour may be a form of gender-based violence.

It can be physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, social, financial, cyber abuse, stalking or monitoring, family and domestic violence or intimate partner violence.

Gender-based violence affects the mental health and wellbeing of victim-survivors and can also impact their educational outcomes.

Where does the new law apply?

Your safety matters, wherever you are. If you experience gender-based violence, support is available. This applies whether you're on campus, in online classes, participating in university sports, or completing research and prac placements off campus.

The new law also requires student accommodation to prioritise (and report) on student safety.

Who will enforce the new law?

The Higher Education Gender-based Violence Regulator will oversee higher education providers and their compliance with the requirements under the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence (National Code).

What do providers need to do to support the requirements under the new law?

Providers must have a prevention and response plan in place, provide clear instructions on how to report an incident and provide support services.

Where do I go for support?

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

If you've experienced gender-based violence, your provider can support you.

There are confidential phone and online supports available: Call 1800RESPECT | 1800 737 732 or visit **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**.

[INSERT PROVIDER NAME] is here to support you. To report an incident safely and confidentially, go to [INSERT LINK].
Find out more about the supports we offer in our Prevention and Response Plan [INSERT LINK].