

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Making London Safer

Violence Against Women
and Girls Plan for London
2022 - 2025



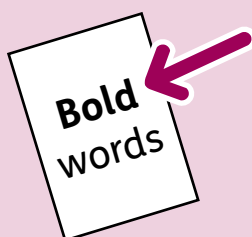
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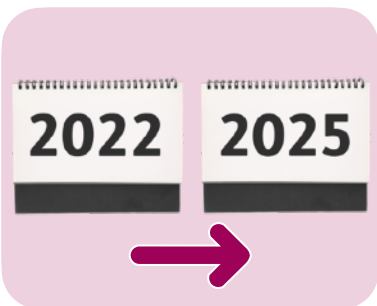
Introduction



The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, wants to keep all Londoners safe.



He has written his plan to stop violence against women and girls.



It explains:

- The main things he wants to do in 2022 - 2025 to make sure women and girls are safe in London.



- How he will make sure these things happen.

Understanding violence against women and girls



Violence against women and girls can be:

- Physical - such as: hitting, pushing, choking or slapping.



- Sexual - making a woman or girl to do something sexual when they do not want to.



- Psychological / emotional - making a woman or girl feel sad or bad about themselves on purpose.



- Verbal - calling a woman or girl names, or threatening to hurt them.



Violence against women and girls can:

- Happen anywhere, like at work or at home.



- Happen to any woman or girl.



- Be done by anyone, like family members or a stranger.

Priorities

Priorities are the main things that the Mayor wants to do.

The Mayor wants to:



- Stop violence against women and girls from happening.



- Support victims of violence against women and girls - this is someone who is harmed or injured because of violence.



- Punish people who commit violence against women and girls.



- Make sure women and girls trust the police.



All of this will make London a safer place for women and girls.

Stopping violence against women and girls



The Mayor wants:

- More people and organisations in London to understand violence against women and girls.



- More people, especially men, in London to help stop violence against women and girls.

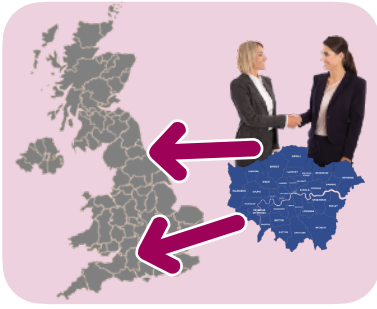


- All women and girls to feel safe wherever they are - including online.

Working with other organisations



The Mayor wants organisations across London to work together to stop violence against women and girls.

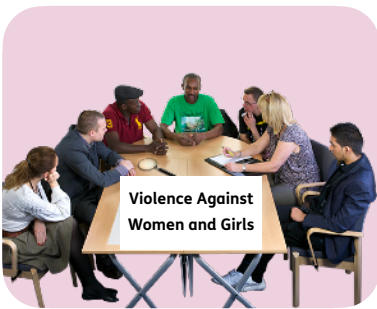


The Mayor will:

- Look at how London could work with different cities to share ways of stopping violence.



- Work with other organisations to create a long term plan about how to stop violence against women and girls.



- Make sure all different organisations understand violence against women and girls and how it can affect people.



- Support training about violence against women and girls.

Using education to stop violence against women and girls

The Mayor wants schools and communities to support everyone by:

- Teaching them about respecting each other.



- Supporting them to do something if they see that a woman or girl is unsafe.



The Mayor will:

- Make sure schools are teaching young people about how to have positive relationships.



- Spend money on support for young women and girls affected by violence.





The Mayor will also:

- Continue sessions in schools which teach girls and boys about violence against women and girls on public transport, like buses and tube trains.



- Support local communities to use education to stop women and girls from being harmed.

Challenging how people think



Some people, especially some men, think women and girls are not as important as men.



The Mayor wants more people to challenge this way of thinking about women and girls.



The Mayor will:

- Support campaigns which ask men to challenge negative ways of thinking about women and girls.



- Support campaigns which encourage people to do or say something if they see violence against women and girls.



- Support making violence against women and girls a **hate crime**.

A **hate crime** is being attacked or treated badly because people think you are different.

Making sure women and girls feel safe everywhere



The Mayor wants women and girls to be safe and feel safe wherever they are, including online.



The Mayor will:

- Support public places and services, like shops, to be safe for women and girls.



- Work with other organisations to encourage people to report if they think or know a woman or girl is unsafe.



- Make sure women and girls are safe when they go online.

Supporting women and girls who are victims of violence



The Mayor wants:

- More victims to be able to access services that will help them.



- All victims to be treated with respect.



- People who commit violence against women and girls to be punished properly.



- To make sure victims are able to report violence against them safely.

Helping victims access services



The Mayor supports services that help victims of violence against women and girls.



The Mayor will:

- Continue to support and give money to violence against women and girls services.



- Make sure all organisations know what to do if a woman or girl reports violence to them.



- Make sure there is lots of information about the violence against women and girls services that are available.

Improving how violence against women and girls is dealt with by the police and others



There are lots of reports of violence against women and girls waiting to be dealt with by the courts. Covid-19 made delays even longer.



The Mayor wants to reduce the bad effects this is having on victims.



The Mayor will:

- Support a plan that will try and get reports to be dealt with by the courts faster.
- Work with other organisations to improve how victims are treated after reporting.



Reporting violence against women and girls safely



The Mayor wants victims to feel they can report violence safely and will not be treated unfairly.



The Mayor will work to support all different kinds of victims who need to report violence.



This will include women or girls who are:

- From a different country.



- Living in the UK illegally.

The Mayor will also work to support victims who need to report violence who are:



- In prison.



- Sex workers - a sex worker is someone who has sex with people for money.



- Homeless.

Punishing people who commit violence against women and girls



The Mayor wants:

- To find all people who commit violence against women and girls and stop them.



- To support more people to challenge how they think about women and girls.



- To stop people who commit violence against women or girls from doing it again.



- All organisations to punish people who commit violence against women or girls, including the police and courts.

Finding people who do violence against women and girls



The Mayor wants more people who do violence against women and girls to be found, stopped and punished properly.

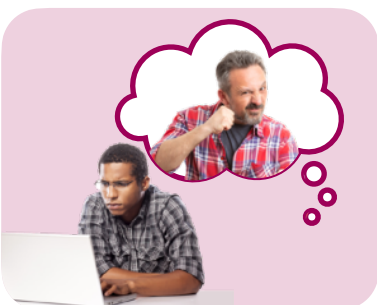


The Mayor will:

- Improve how reports of violence against women and girls are looked into.



- Work to improve how people who commit violence against women or girls are punished.



- Support research that will help organisations know how to manage people who commit violence over and over again.

Managing people who commit violence against women and girls



The Mayor wants to continue improving how London manages people who commit violence against women and girls.



The Mayor will:

- Continue to bring together lots of different organisations to make sure they all work together.



- Continue to support programmes that work to change the behaviour of people who commit violence against women and girls.

Making sure women and girls trust the police

The Mayor wants:



- To change negative attitudes in London's police service about women and girls.



- The London police to treat all women and girls with respect.



- London Police to be a service more women and girls can trust.



- The London police to deal with violence against women and girls better.

The Mayor will:



- Support the London Police Service's Violence Against Women and Girls Action Plan, which sets out ways the London police will work to make sure women and girls trust them.



- Encourage more women and girls to have police jobs and support them through their job.



- Set up training for London police about how to deal with violence against women and girls better.



- Help remove London police officers who do not respect others and have behaved inappropriately towards women.

Making this plan work

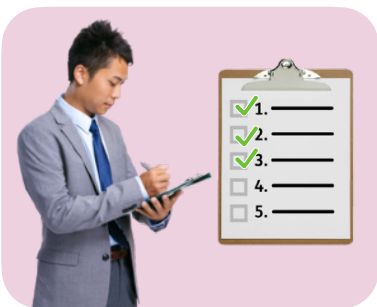
To make sure this plan works, the Mayor will:



- Make sure lots of different organisations across London are working together.



- Give money to services and programmes that are working to stop violence against women and girls and support victims.



- Check the plan is working by keeping track of what is improving.

The Mayor will know the plan is working when:



- Violence against women and girls is being stopped and there is less violence happening.



- Victims are, and feel, better supported.



- People who commit violence against women and girls are punished.



- People have more trust in the police.

For more information



You can read our full Violence Against Women and Girls plan here:

www.london.gov.uk/publications/tackling-violence-against-women-and-girls

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