



What is FGM?



FGM involves removing and damaging external female genitalia for non-medical reasons

Female- It only happens to women and girls

Genital- The area between a girls legs including the vulva and clitoris

Mutilation- removing or damaging the female's genitals

The Law

FGM has been a **criminal offence** in the UK since 1985. In 2003 it also became a criminal offence for UK nationals or permanent UK residents to take their child abroad to have female genital mutilation.

Anyone found guilty of the offence faces a maximum penalty of **14 years in prison**.

It is also **against the law** to make arrangement around it, like booking the flights to go to a country where it will happen

- ❖ **FGM** makes it hard to go to the toilet
- ❖ **FGM** hurts women throughout their life
- ❖ **FGM** can make it difficult to have a baby
- ❖ **FGM** is dangerous
- ❖ **FGM** is against the law
 - ❖ **FGM** can lead to infections
 - ❖ **FGM** can cause psychological traumas
- ❖ **FGM** can cause difficulty during menstruation
- ❖ **FGM** is against human rights
 - ❖ **FGM** has no health benefits

Facts and figures

- More than **18%** of all girls and women have been subjected to FGM
 - In some countries, the rate is as high as **74%**
- There are estimated **137,000** women and girls in the UK affected by FGM
- NSPCC have responded to over **1500** contacts about FGM since 2013