

Sexual harassment of women in the EU

The issue of sexual harassment has been given significant media attention recently. Vastly under-reported, the true extent and gravity of the problem is not completely known. The most comprehensive [survey](#) available on violence against women at EU level (published by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights in 2014) also reveals women's experiences with sexual harassment. The respondents were given a list of 11 possible acts of sexual harassment, six of which were defined as 'most serious'. It was possible to give more than one answer. Every second woman (55 %) in the EU has experienced sexual harassment at least once since the age of 15, and 45 % have experienced the 'most serious' forms of sexual harassment. Out of all the women who indicated at least one serious incident, 35 % did not speak to anyone about the incident, while 63 % spoke to somebody (2 % gave no answer).



Most serious forms of sexual harassment



Other forms of sexual harassment



The other women (63 %) talked about or reported the most serious incident of sexual harassment to:

