



Recognizing, acknowledging and respecting each other's wishes and boundaries

The National Action Programme for tackling sexually transgressive behaviour and sexual violence is a government plan spanning multiple years to help prevent and address sexually transgressive behaviour and sexual violence.

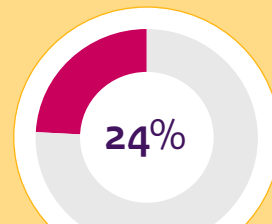
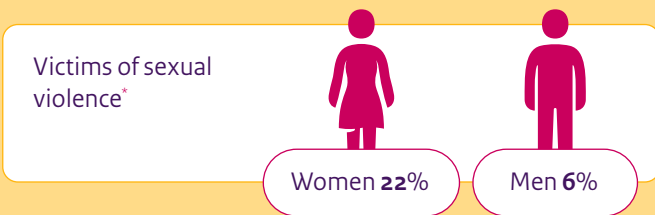
Sexually transgressive behaviour and sexual violence is a major problem in society that often has serious and long-lasting consequences. The government is convinced of the severity and urgency of this problem and has therefore started an intensive, new broad-based approach. For this reason we present a multi-year programme that is currently under development and has plenty of scope for new experiences, ideas and measures.

The action programme describes the actions taken by the government, in cooperation with a number of other organizations. The government aims to use this action programme to take the next step towards achieving a cultural shift that is necessary, and aims to – and has to – include the whole of society. This will be done based on five action lines, aimed at all the steps from prevention to follow-up.

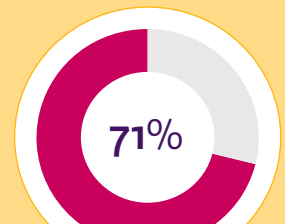
Action lines

1. There are shared societal values and standards about how we want to treat each other in society.
2. Legislation and regulations reflect changing societal values.
3. Organizations have processes in place for prevention, detection and monitoring.
4. Everyone will be able to recognize sexually transgressive behaviour and sexual violence and respond to it.
5. There is good care provision that is easy to find.

Facts and figures



Suffers consequences of non-physical sexual harassment***



Experiences consequences of forced sex acts or forced sexual intercourse***



On average, LGBTQI+ individuals are more often the victims of sexually transgressive behaviour and sexual violence.

* Is forced to have sex, or had sex against their will.

** For example unwanted touching, unwanted kissing, or forced sex.

*** For example psychological, relational, and/or sexual problems.

This programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment on behalf of the entire government.

It was developed in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport and the Ministry of Security and Justice, with advice and support from independent government commissioner Mariëtte Hamer and the participation and involvement of many societal parties.

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