

SUNNA TAKE CARE
OF YOUR
DAUGHTERS
AND DON'T HURT THEM !!
SAYS THE PROPHET



WHAT IS FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION?

Female genital mutilation is the generic name given to the practices that involve the total or partial extirpation of the female external genitals or any other aggression to the genital organs of women for cultural or religious reasons, or for any other nontherapeutic purpose. **It's a violent, sexist act** (*Law 5/2008 on the right of women to eradicate sexist violence*) which often leads to physical, psychological and sexual complications in women and girls.

Psychological consequences:

- Depression, terror, fears...
- Confusion
- Fears of rejection
- Fears concerning their first sexual relationships or of giving birth.
- Feelings of guilt in mothers.

Physical consequences:

- Transmission of infections (HIV, hepatitis, tetanus...).
- Chronic anaemia.
- Genitourinary problems.
- Obstetric complications.

Sexual consequences:

- Decrease in sexual sensitivity.
- Pain during sexual relations.
- Decrease in sexual impulse.
- Anorgasmia.
- Fear and rejection.

6 February
International Day
of Zero Tolerance
to **Female
Genital
Mutilation**

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY IN SPAIN?

Female Genital Mutilation **is a crime** (article 149.2 of Penal Code):

- Parents may be imprisoned from 6 to 12 years.
- Parents may lose custody of their daughters.
- Girls may be sent to a children's home.
- People who practise FGM or collaborate in the practice or allow it may be imprisoned

Useful telephone numbers:

- Infància respon (*child helpline*) **900 300 777**
- Línia d'atenció a les dones en situació de violència (*helpline for women in situations of violence*) **900 900 120**
- Sanitat respon (*healthcare helpline*) **902 111 444**
- Direcció General per a la Immigració (*General Direction of Immigration*) **932 701 230**

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