

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A SURVIVOR

OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE & HARRASSMENT

Gender-based violence and harassment (GBVH) is rooted in gender inequality and abuse of power. In South African mines, women workers are especially vulnerable.

THE LAW IS ON YOUR SIDE



Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act 13 of 2021



Criminal and Related Matters Amendment Act 12 of 2021



Domestic Violence Amendment Act 14 of 2021

REMEMBER:

You have the right to choose who to tell your story.

Don't let anyone pressure you to forgive your abuser/s or stay quiet about it. Covering up GBV only encourages perpetrators.

Confidentiality is crucial. When you report, your information stays private.

You deserve equal and fair treatment.

Break the Silence, Stop the Violence!



JUSTICE

- You have the right to report GBV at any police station, anytime.
- You have the right to request a private room to make a statement.
- It is your right to ask for a female police officer to take your statement.



MEDICAL & LEGAL SERVICES

- Free legal assistance and court support
- Visit your nearest clinic or hospital to get medical help to preserve evidence.
- Visit your nearest Thuthuzela Care Centre and use your employer's reporting lines or employee assistance programme.



SAFE PLACE TO SAY

- Access to a safe house and shelters
- You have the option to stay at home after risk assessment.



COUNSELLING SUPPORT

- Short- and long-term psychological counselling
- Support groups (women who have experienced the same things)
- Employee assistance programmes at work



ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE

- Support to help you become financially independent



SOCIAL REINTEGRATION

- Help rebuilding your social and professional life
- Assistance finding work and long-term housing

All the numbers you need



Report abuse
Seek help
Know your rights
Support fellow survivors