At a glance

Infographic

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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 <u>survey</u> 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).



<u>55 %</u>

OF WOMEN IN THE EU HAVE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT LEAST ONCE SINCE THE AGE OF 15

Most serious forms of sexual harassment

29 % Unwelcome touching, hugging or kissing

24 % Sexually suggestive comments or jokes that made them feel offended

16 % Somebody indecently exposing themselves to them

Sexually explicit emails or text messages that offended them

Sexually explicit pictures, photos or gifts that made them feel offended

2 % Somebody making them watch or look at pornographic material against their wishes

Other forms of sexual harassment

30 % Staring or leering that made them feel intimidated

Intrusive comments about their physical appearance that made them feel offended

16 % Intrusive questions about their private life that made them feel offended

Inappropriate invitations to go out on dates

Inappropriate advances that offended them on social networking sites

Friend



35 %

OF WOMEN DID NOT SPEAK TO ANYONE ABOUT THE MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT

 Family member or relative 14 % Partner/boyfriend/girlfriend Colleague 4% Employer/boss The other women (63 %) talked 4 % Police about or reported the most 2% Doctor or healthcare worker Someone else serious incident of sexual 2% Another pupil or student harassment to: 1% Counsellor 1% Teacher or professor • 0.1% Lawyer **•** 0.1% Victim support organisation **•** 0.1 % -Labour union representative

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