

Female genital mutilation (FGM)

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is illegal in Sweden.

It is also illegal to support or in any way assist in performing female genital mutilation.

The maximum sentence for carrying out FGM or helping it take place is 10 years in prison according to Law (1982:316).

The minimum sentence is 2 years in prison.

FGM is any procedure that is designed to alter or injure a girl's (or woman's) genital organs for non-medical reasons.

FGM procedures can cause:

- Severe bleeding
- Infections
- Problems in giving birth later in life – including the death of a baby
- Psychological trauma

You are obligated to contact the police or the social services if you know someone at risk.