

## Forms and Prevalence of Gender-Based Violence Within Higher Education Institutions

GBV is highly prevalent in South African higher education institutions. Reviewed studies emphasize its impact on many students and ongoing efforts to quantify it. Underreporting remains a major issue due to fear, distrust in processes, and lack of awareness about support systems.

### These were the emerging themes to come out of the articles:

1. Incidence of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in South African Universities
2. Institutional Approaches to Addressing GBV
3. Studies on Perceptions and Experiences of GBV
4. Effects of GBV on Students and Staff
5. Approaches and Measures for Addressing GBV
6. Legislative and Government Initiatives in Response to GBV.

The reviewed articles stress the critical issue of gender-based violence (GBV) in South African higher education, highlighting problems and solutions. They call for ongoing attention, research and action to ensure a safer environment for all students and staff.

#### Most documented forms of GBV

Sexual harassment and assault

Intimate partner violence

Homophobia and discrimination

