



There is a new report called:

Women's Rights are Human Rights: How the Bill of Rights harms the fight to end violence against women

The report was made by these four organisations who work for women's human rights:



- End Violence Against Women Coalition
- Rights of Women
- Centre for Women's Justice
- Southall Black Sisters



We were supported to do this work by 23 organisations and lawyers.



We worked **together** because we are **seriously worried** about some Government's plans.



The Government said that they want to **take away** an important law.

This law is **the Human Rights Act**.



They said they will give us a **new** 'Bill of Rights' law **instead**.



But **we disagree** with this new law



The Human Rights Act is **really important** for **protecting** women and girls from violence.



Here is a list of ways it helps women and girls who experience violence and abuse:



1. It helps to ensure that violence against women and girls is **investigated** by the police and prosecuted



2. It helps public organisations to treat victims and survivors of violence **better**.



If they don't help women and girls properly, the Human Rights Act can **give them justice** – through compensation and court judgments



3. It means that public organisations **must take action** to prevent immediate threats to the lives of women and girls, like safe housing



4. It helps to protect victims of **stalking** and **harassment**



5. It helps to protect victims of modern slavery and **trafficking**



6. It means that **when women die** because of abuse, there is a proper **investigation**



7. It **protects girls** from abuse in schools



We are **most worried** by the Government's plans because violence against women and girls **happens so often** in the UK.










Victims and survivors are often **let down and hurt** by the agencies who should protect them.



We are **also worried** by the Government's plans because services that support women and girls are already **having a difficult time**.



Things are **even harder** for services that support Black, minoritised, migrant, LGBT+ and Deaf and disabled survivors, because **their need for support is higher**.

	<p>These women and girls also face more barriers to support, including discrimination in public organisations.</p>
	<p>Women in the UK who do not have British citizenship are at high risk of violence because of the actions of the Government's Home Office's department.</p>
	<p>We know things will be difficult in the future, especially because of the bad economy.</p>
	<p>For all of these reasons, we can't lose the Human Rights Act and the protection it gives us.</p>
	<p>The Government says it is OK to remove the Human Rights Act because we can trust the police and other agencies to protect women.</p>
	<p>We don't agree, because women's trust in the police and other public authorities is very low.</p>
	<p>We ask the Government to save the Human Rights Act to protect women and girls.</p>