

Personal Development Resources

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Quick Guide



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What is an Honour Crime?

An honour crime involves violence committed by those who aim to protect the reputation of their family or community.

Honour crimes are usually incidents or crimes which are, or may have been, committed with the intention to protect or defend the honour of the family and/or community.

These can include physical assaults, abduction and even murder.



What behaviours might cause Honour Crime?

Honour based crimes can be committed to the victim who may be deemed to be “too westernised” and therefore bringing shame on the family and community by engaging in the following behaviours:

- Becoming involved with a boyfriend or girlfriend from a different culture or religion
- Resisting an arranged marriage
- Wanting to get out of a forced marriage
- Wearing clothes or taking part in activities that might not be considered traditional within a particular culture
- Having white, westernised friends
- Wearing make-up, going out expressing their sexuality, including gay or bisexual behaviour
- Seeking divorce



Who could be affected by Honour Crime?

Victims can be both male and female however girls are more commonly affected.

These acts are illegal and are an offence under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act.

If you have concerns about honour based violence, or know someone else who has been affected by it, there's help and support available.

Honour based crimes are usually carried out by immediate family members with the complicit help of relatives and the wider community.



What should I do if I suspect an Honour Crime?

If you have any concern that someone may be involved in or a victim of an honour crime, contact t2's Safeguarding & Prevent Lead, Stacy Preston on 07876 824157.

Further support



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