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The toll-free number 1522 offers **safe, anonymous and free** help 24/7  
The service is available in Italian,  
English, French, Spanish and Arabic

Visit the website **[www.1522.eu](http://www.1522.eu)**

**Gender-based  
violence is a  
serious human  
rights violation**

**If you need help  
call the toll-free number  
1522**

or send a message in chat  
via the App or on **[www.1522.eu](http://www.1522.eu)**

**Gender-based violence  
is experienced by a person who is:**

- ▼ Threatened, insulted, humiliated or beaten
- ▼ Isolated, segregated
- ▼ Constantly followed or surveilled
- ▼ Forced not to work, denied money or belongings
- ▼ Prevented from accessing education, medical assistance, justice
- ▼ Raped or forced to perform or subjected to sexual acts of any kind (also by a partner or former partner even if non-cohabiting)
- ▼ Sexually harassed at work
- ▼ Forced into prostitution
- ▼ Forced into marriage
- ▼ Forced to terminate a pregnancy or abandon children
- ▼ Forced to beg or work without pay
- ▼ Subjected to female genital mutilation
- ▼ Offended and/or threatened through the dissemination of private photos or videos of a sexual nature without consent
- ▼ Mistreated for being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, etc.

**If you are experiencing, have experienced or fear you might soon find yourself experiencing violence, you can:**

- ▼ **Receive information** about your rights
- ▼ **Receive accommodation** in a safe house, if you fear for your safety
- ▼ **Receive** medical, psychological and legal **assistance**
- ▼ **Ask to remain in Italy**, by applying for international protection (your application will then be examined by a Territorial Commission) or another type of residence permit
- ▼ **Ask to return to your country of origin** in safety, through an assisted voluntary return programme