



# RA 11313: Safe Spaces Act (Bawal Bastos Law)

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## WHAT IS SAFE SPACES ACT?



Safe Spaces Act aims to ensure the equality, security, and safety of all individuals by addressing gender-based sexual harassment in public spaces, online, workplaces, and educational institutions, and prescribes penalties for violations.



## WHAT DOES THE SAFE SPACES ACT COVER?

### OTHER SALIENT FEATURES

#### 1 Restraining Order

the court can render a decision to issue an order to the perpetrator to stay away from the offended person at a distance specified by the court

#### 2 Psychological and Counseling Services

A Gender-based Streets and Public Spaces Sexual Harassment (GBSH) victim may access legal remedies and psychological counseling through the LGU and DSWD, in coordination with the DOH. All related costs, in line with R.A. No. 11036 (Philippine Mental Health Law), shall be shouldered by the perpetrator.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### 3 Exceptions

Public breastfeeding and cultural expressions, like traditional attire with partial nudity, are not punishable under the SSA, provided they do not discriminate against women or diverse SOGIE.

#### 4 Confidentiality

RA 11313 ensures the rights of victims and minor accused at all stages of a case. Employers and school heads must maintain confidentiality in GBSH complaints.

