



RA 11313: Safe Spaces Act (Bawal Bastos Law)

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GENDER-BASED STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES SEXUAL HARASSMENT

GBSH in street and public spaces is defined as acts which are committed through any unwanted and uninvited sexual actions or remarks against any person regardless of the motive for committing such action or remarks



1 Catcalling or unwanted remarks directed at someone

2 Persistent requests for personal details

3 Persistent, uninvited comments or gestures about someone's appearance

4 Statement of sexual comments and suggestions

5 Persistent telling of sexual jokes, use of sexual names

6 Stalking is repeated, non-consensual contact or proximity directed at a person

7 Unwanted advances threatening safety, including cursing, leering, and taunting

8 Public masturbation or flashing of private parts, groping, making offensive body gestures at someone, and other similar lewd sexual action

What are the acts of gender-based sexual harassment (GBSH) in public spaces?

ROLES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN IMPLEMENTING ANTI-GBSH IN STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES

- Localize the law within 60 days through an ordinance
- Share the law in public places and local languages
 - Prevent GBSH in schools with campaigns and seminars
 - Impose fines for gender-based sexual harassment
- Set up a hotline with trained staff for GBSH support
- Work with DILG to enforce the law
- Create a referral system for GBSH complaints in public spaces
- Train officials on the law and handling GBSH cases
- Set up ASH desks in all barangay and municipal halls, preferably with female staff
- Develop a system for handling and documenting complaints, including verbal GBSH



WHERE CAN VICTIMS OF GBSH IN STREET AND PUBLIC SPACES SEEK ASSISTANCE?

In all cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGU via Local Anti-Sexual Harassment (ASH) hotline • Nearest police precinct through their Women & Children's Protection Desks • Local Social Welfare and Development Office • PAO for Legal Assistance procedure
Streets, Roads, Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Enforcer
PUV driver or PUV Operator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Traffic Enforcer • Land Transportation Office (LTO) • Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB)
Close proximity to the LGU Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASH Desk Officer of the LGU (Provincial, Municipal, City, or Barangay)
Malls, Bars, Public Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASH Desk Officer designated by operator of establishment (e.g. security officers)

