

# Equal Access of Women to Justice

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# Good policies – Why is there no equal access? Where does it start ?

- Socioeconomic and cultural barriers
- No economic independence
- Fear of shame, Lack of self confidence, lack of awareness,
- Know your rights
- Biased Police, Public Prosecutors , Judges – no idea about discrimination of women or violence against women–perpetuating



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# Advice and Assistance

## independent and specialised women's support services are crucial

- Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs offers online advice around the clock.
- Office of the Ombud for Equal Treatment advises and assists women who feel discriminated against
- Violence Protection Centers/Intervention Centres against Domestic Violence-comprehensive support (also assistance at police or at court proceedings (for victims of domestic violence and stalking)
- Legal advice is also provided by women's shelters



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# More on support services – special help for migrant women and women with disabilities

- Special Helpdesk for Migrant Women, furthermore several assistance centers
- Helpline against Violence in various languages
- Orient Express: support and emergency accommodation for women and girls who are threatened or affected by forced marriage
- Intervention Centre for Victims of Women Trafficking

# Assistance in Court Proceedings

- Violence Intervention Centers assists Women
- In the case of violence dual assistance: psychococial during and after police and judicial questioning and legal assistance, legal assistance and representation in court by lawyers
- Ombud for Equal Treatment accompanies women in proceedings before the Equal Treatment Commission
- When it comes to discrimination at work assistance by the Federal Chamber of Labour



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# Thank you

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