



# Istanbul Convention

Council of Europe Convention  
on preventing and combating  
violence against women and  
domestic violence

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is based on four pillars:

-  PREVENTION
-  PROTECTION
-  PROSECUTION
-  CO-ORDINATED POLICIES

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## PREVENTION

If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention,  
it will have to take the following measures:



TRAINING OF  
PROFESSIONALS



PARTICIPATION OF  
MEDIA AND PRIVATE SECTOR



ROLE OF  
MEN AND BOYS



AWARENESS-RAISING  
CAMPAIGNS



PROGRAMMES  
FOR  
PERPETRATORS



EDUCATION IN NON-VIOLENCE  
AND EQUALITY BETWEEN  
WOMEN AND MEN



PROMOTING WOMEN'S  
EMPOWERMENT



CHALLENGING GENDER  
STEREOTYPES

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## PROTECTION

The safety and needs of victims and witnesses must be at the heart of all protective measures adopted by a country. Their rights include:



RIGHTS AND NEEDS  
OF CHILD WITNESSES



INFORMATION  
ON THEIR RIGHTS



FREE TELEPHONE  
HELPLINES 24/7



SUPPORT  
SERVICES



SAFE CUSTODY AND VISITATION  
RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
COMPLAINT MECHANISMS



PROTECTION OR  
RESTRAINING ORDERS



SHELTERS



EMERGENCY  
BARRING ORDERS



REPORTING VIOLENCE  
TO AUTHORITIES



RAPE CRISIS OR SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE CENTRES

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PREVENTION

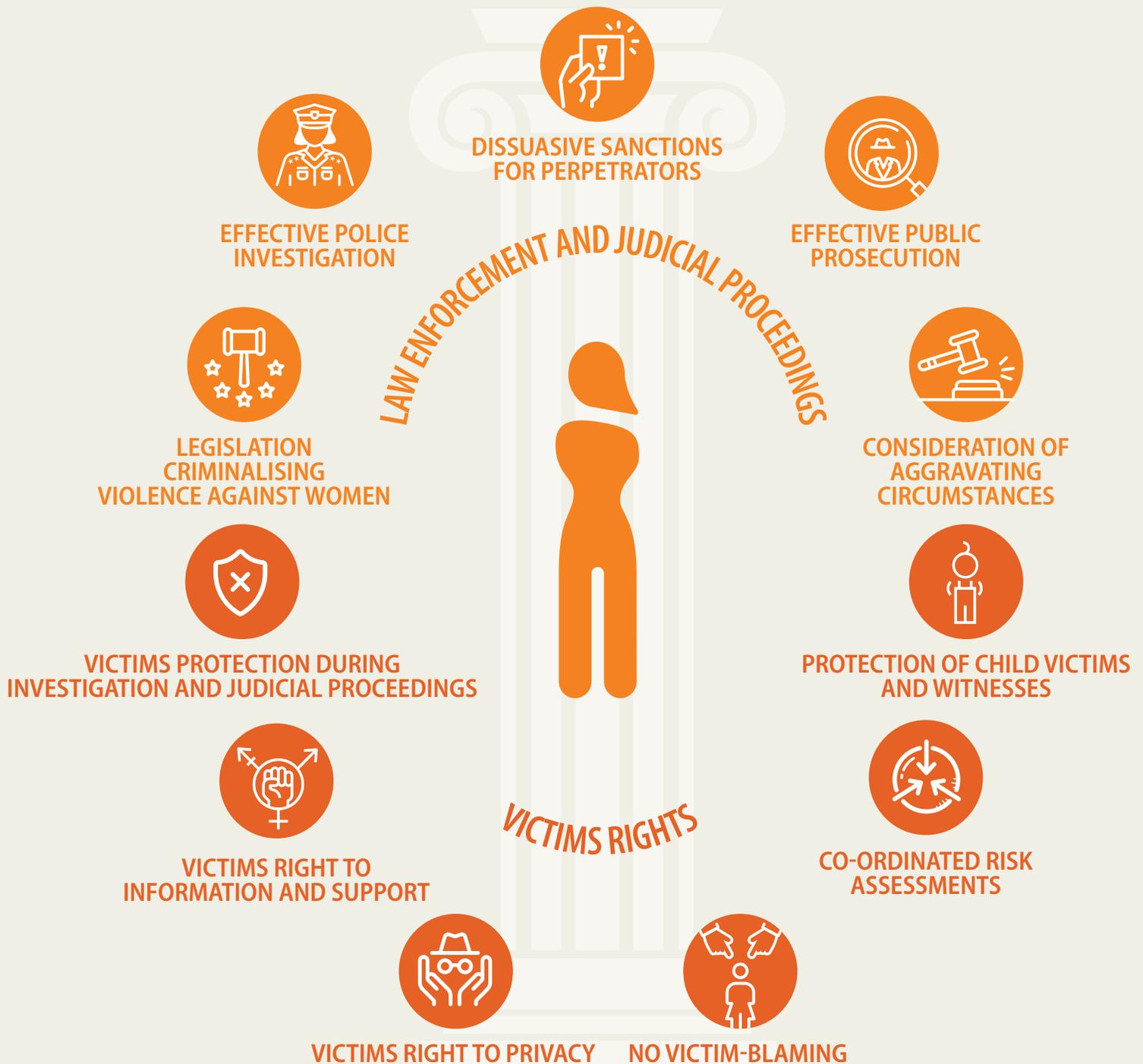
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## PROSECUTION

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## CO-ORDINATED POLICIES

If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention,  
it will have to undertake the following actions:



RESEARCH AND  
DATA COLLECTION



INTER-AGENCY  
CO-OPERATION



WHOLE SOCIETAL  
RESPONSE



SUPPORT AND WORK WITH  
CIVIL SOCIETY AND NGOS



COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION  
AND GENDER-SENSITIVE POLICIES



CO-ORDINATE ACTION  
AND MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION



FUNDING FOR POLICIES  
AND SUPPORT SERVICES



HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED  
POLICIES

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