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Say NO! to FGM

Parents and families may believe that arranging Female Genital Mutilation is the right thing to do for girls, but **FGM harms girls and women, has no benefits, and is not supported by any religion.**

It is against the law to carry out FGM in Scotland or to take a girl abroad for FGM. It is also a crime to assist or arrange the FGM of another person, even if the FGM occurs outside Scotland. **A person convicted of an offence under the Scotland FGM Act 2005 is liable to imprisonment for up to 14 years.**

If you or someone you know is at risk of FGM you can call the FGM Helpline on **0800 028 3550**, or speak to a health worker, teacher, social worker or to the police.

Health services in Scotland can arrange support and health care for girls and women who have experienced FGM. You can speak to your doctor (GP) or any health worker.

For more information on FGM and organisations to help go to:

fgmaware.org

