

Persecutory acts The offences introduced by the “Red Code”

In the Italian criminal code there's no provision concerning gender-based violence.

Legal provisions are in place for sexual violence, stalking or persecutory acts and domestic violence.

The “Red Code” has tightened the penalties for a series of offences and has introduced four new crimes:

- the illegal circulation of sexually explicit photos or videos (revenge porn)
- the disfigurement of a person as a result of permanent injuries
- forcing or inducing to marriage
- the violation of restraining orders such as the removal from the family home or the prohibition to approach the places frequented by the victim.

A type of gendered crime which is not the subject of specific rules but is generally considered as the most extreme expression of violence against women is femicide.

Find more information here:

Brochure "This is not love" 2021

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