

Understanding Street Harassment: Quick Guide



- ▶ Recognizing What Street Harassment Is
- ▶ How to Protect Yourself



What Types of Behaviors Might Constitute Harassment?

Online videos often teach audiences how to quickly approach others and create intimate interactions, but inappropriate behavior might violate the **Sexual Harassment Prevention Act**. If such behavior is **repeatedly directed at a specific person for a period of time**, it could even violate the **Stalking and Harassment Prevention Act**.



What Types of Behavior are Inappropriate?

VISUAL HARASSMENT

Sending indecent photos or videos



VERBAL HARASSMENT

- *Forcibly demanding contact information
- *Making sexually-inappropriate jokes
- *Probing into personal private matters



PHYSICAL HARASSMENT

- *Holding hands without consent
- *Forcing hugs
- *Forcing kisses
- *Blocking someone's path
- *Excessively invading someone's personal space



Types of Sexual Harassment


Article 2 of the Regulations of Sexual Harassment Prevention

The patterns of sexual harassment are defined as verbal, physical, or visual actions **related to sex or gender** that are conducted **against the will of others** and unwelcome, or the use of technological devices, or exerting power, coercion, threats or intimidation to make sexual connotations or demands, including the following situations:




Discrimination and belittling

Stalking or improper pursuit




Peeping or sneaking pictures



Exposing private body parts

Sending obscene photos or videos

Physical harassment



Other types of behavior similar to the preceding six subparagraphs

Types of Stalking and Harassment

Article 3 of the Stalking and Harassment Prevention Act

Stalking and harassment patterns refer to any of the following types of behavior through the use of people, vehicles, tools, equipment, electronic communication methods, the Internet, or any other means to **repeatedly or continually exert anything sexual or gender-related towards a specific person against his/her will, which intimidates that person and sufficiently affects his/her daily life or social activities:**



What to do if you are harassed:

Call the **110** police emergency hotline. Call the **113** victim protection hotline.
Report to the nearest police station.
The police will intervene and investigate the matter.



If someone violates the **Stalking and Harassment Prevention Act**, the police can issue a written warning to the offender, either on their own initiative or at the victim's request.

If the offender commits similar offenses within two years of receiving this **written warning**, the victim can apply for a **protection order** from the court.

Punishments

Sexual Harassment Prevention Act

Article 25

- A person who kisses, hugs, or touches the bottom, breast, or other physical private parts of another person in such a way that he/she cannot immediately respond or resist shall be sentenced to imprisonment of no more than **two years** or detention or a fine, separately or jointly, of no more than **NT\$100,000**.
- If the act is committed by means of power or opportunity, the person shall be subject to **the punishment prescribed for such an offense, with the penalty increased by up to a half.**

Article 27

- A person who sexually harasses another person shall be fined **no less than NT\$10,000 but no more than NT\$100,000**.
- A person who sexually harasses another person by abusing power shall be fined **no less than NT\$60,000 but no more than NT\$600,000**.

Stalking and Harassment Prevention Act

Article 18

- Anyone who conducts stalking and harassment may be sentenced to imprisonment of no more than **one year** or detention; in lieu thereof, or in addition thereto, a fine of no more than **NT\$100,000** may be imposed.
- Anyone who commits the crimes with lethal weapons or other dangerous objects shall be sentenced to imprisonment of no more than **five years** or detention; in lieu thereof, or in addition thereto, a fine of no more than **NT\$500,000** may be imposed.

