

## Where to get help

If you know someone who is going to make their children have FGM, or if a child tells you they are having FGM, you must tell someone who can help.

**Social Care Referral and Assessment Team (North)**

 01296 387932

**Social Care Referral and Assessment Team (South)**

 01494 475211

**Out of Hours Duty Team:**


 01494 675802

**Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU):**

 via 08458 505 505


## For more info about FGM:

**ACCM UK** A charity working to stop FGM in the UK

 01234 356910

 [www.accmuk.com](http://www.accmuk.com)

**The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)**

 [www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/when-things-go-wrong/fgm/](http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/travel-and-living-abroad/when-things-go-wrong/fgm/)

You can ring or email the FCO with any concerns:

 0207 008 1500  [fgm@fco.gov.uk](mailto:fgm@fco.gov.uk)

## FGM and The Law



It is **against the law** in the UK for anyone to carry out FGM on women or girls.

It is **against the law** to take women or girls who are living in the UK to a different country to carry out FGM.

It is **against the law** to help someone else carry out FGM (even the removal of the sunna)



If a person carries out FGM, or helps someone carry out FGM, they could be made to pay a fine, **and to go to prison for 14 years.**

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# Female Genital Mutilation

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# What is Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)?

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is the removal of part, or all of the external female parts. It also includes any other injury to the external female parts which is not done for a medical reason.

## Types of FGM

### FGM Type 1

Removing some or all of the clitoris (including the sunna).

### FGM Type 2

Removing the clitoris with some or all of the small labium (lips)

### FGM Type 3

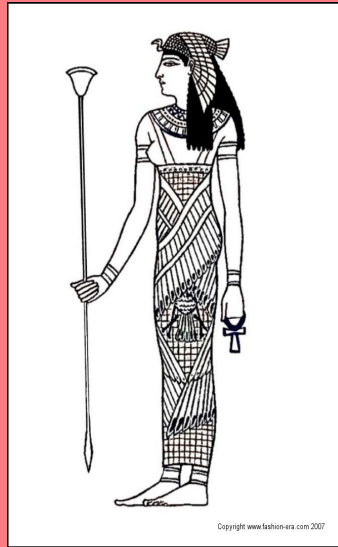
Removing some or all of the female parts, including the clitoris. Sewing the edges together to leave a tiny hole.

### FGM Type 4

All other types of harm including pricking, cutting, burning and piercing.



## Where FGM started

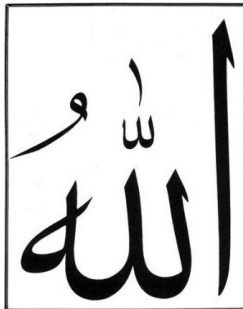


Some people started doing FGM a long time ago.

People think that pharaohs in Egypt started doing FGM.

Habit and tradition make people from some countries do FGM.

## FGM and Religion



Many Muslims and Christian people do not do FGM of any type.

The Qur'an and bible do not say that FGM should be carried out. The Qur'an says it is important to look after your body.

Muslims believe that Allah creates babies. The body should stay as Allah created it.



## Health Problems of FGM



Broken bones

Severe pain and shock



You could die because of shock and blood loss

You could get repeated infections which make it very painful to wee



Infections could stop you from getting pregnant

A woman with FGM is more likely to give birth to a dead baby



Women and girls with FGM often feel sad and depressed