

1. Following are certain acts that constitute crimes under the IPC:

- Eve teasing
- Stalking
- Voyeurism
- Sexual harassment
- Molestation
- Sexual assault

2. What is eve teasing?

Obscene actions like unwanted sexual remarks, sexual advances by a man to insult a woman in a public place is eve teasing.

3. Is eve teasing punishable under law?

Yes, Section 294 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) punishes men who act/speak in an obscene way in or near a public place for a maximum period of three months. Section 509 of IPC punishes a man who acts or uses any object to insult a woman with jail term up to 3 years.

4. What is stalking?

Stalking is a man following a woman or trying to contact her without her consent.

5. What is voyeurism?

Any man who watches or photographs a woman during her private moments without her knowledge commits an offence of voyeurism.

6. What is sexual harassment?

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, sexually coloured remarks, showing pornography without the woman's consent constitute as sexual harassment.

7. What is molestation?

Any man who forcefully touches a woman without her consent is guilty of committing an offence of molestation.

8. Where should the case of molestation be registered?

A case of molestation needs to be registered where the 'molestation' happened.

9. What is sexual assault?

Sexual assault is an act in which a man sexually touches a woman or compels her to be naked forcefully without her consent.

10. What can you do in case you a victim of any of the abovementioned crimes?

You will have to register a compliant and FIR at your local police station.

11. Can the police refuse to register the FIR?

No, the police can never refuse to register a FIR.

12. What can I do if the police officer denies to take down my complaint?

In such a situation, you may contact the SP of your region or go to the Court. The court may then either itself take charge of the matter or direct the appropriate police officer to do so. You can also take help from local media and NGOs of your city.

13. Is there a limitation period for registration of FIR?

As per Section 468(2)(c) of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, you have a limitation of three years of the occurrence of the event.

Section	Offence	Punishment	Type of offence	Type of offence	Authority
354	Assault of use of criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty	Imprisonment of 1 year to 5 years, and with fine.	Cognizable	Non-bailable	Any Magistrate
354 A	Sexual harassment of the nature of unwelcome physical contact and advances (or) a demand/ request for sexual favours,showing pornography	Imprisonment which may extend to 3 years or with fine or both	Cognizable	Bailable	Any Magistrate
	Sexual harassment of the nature of making sexually coloured remark	Imprisonment which may extend to 1 year or with fine or both	Cognizable	Bailable	Any Magistrate
354 B	Assault or use of criminal force on a woman with intent to disrobe her.	Imprisonment of 3 to 7 years and with fine	Cognizable	Non-bailable	Any Magistrate
354 C	Voyeurism	Imprisonment of 1 year to 3 years and with fine for first conviction	Cognizable	Bailable	Any Magistrate
		Imprisonment of 3 years to 7 years and with fine for second conviction	Cognizable	Non-Bailable	Any Magistrate
354 D	Stalking	Imprisonment upto 3 years and with fine for first conviction	Cognizable	Bailable	Any Magistrate
		Imprisonment upto 5 years and with fine for second or subsequent conviction	Cognizable	Non-bailable	Any Magistrate

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