

Sweden's Consent-Based Rape Law (2018) — Brå's Two Reviews of Prosecutions and Convictions

Gender Equality · Good practice · Sweden

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Since 1 July 2018 Swedish rape law rests on voluntariness, not force or threats. Brå reviews show prosecutions nearly doubling (236 in 2017, 455 in 2020), but also legal-certainty problems around negligent rape.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	0/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-19

[Swedish Government / Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention \(Brå\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-19

[Brå 2020 — The new consent law in practice](#) — accessed 2026-10-19

[Brå 2025 — Application and consequences of the consent law](#) — accessed 2026-10-19

[NSFK summary of Brå 2020](#) — accessed 2026-10-19

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