

The Safe Spaces Act (RA 11313) — The Philippines' Law Against Gender-Based Harassment in Streets, Work, Schools and Online

Gender Equality · Good practice · Philippines

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Signed in 2019, building on a 2015 Quezon City ordinance, the Philippines' 'Bawal Bastos' law bans catcalling, stalking and online gender-based harassment nationwide; PCW records show 1,031 case filings 2016–2023, even as rights bodies push to close enforcement gaps.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

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