

Gender - related killings – report from Norway 2021

Below is information from Norway related to the questions in the letter of 3th November 2021.

Femicide watch

In 2018 the Norwegian government appointed a committee to review intimate partner homicide. The aim of the Intimate Partner Homicide Committee's work has been to recommend measures that can help prevent intimate partner homicides in the future.

The report from the committee was available in December 2020 and one of the committee's proposals is for Norway to establish a permanent national intimate partner homicide commission. The purpose of a partner homicide commission should be to learn from mistakes and further develop the work of preventing severe intimate partner violence and partner homicides. The proposal have been sent for consultation and is now under consideration by the government.

About the Intimate Partner Homicide Committee

The Committee reviewed criminal case documents in 19 intimate partner homicide cases. The review showed that most intimate partner homicides took place after one or more warning signs. There were incidents of intimate partner violence before the murder/homicide in all 19 cases, and many of the victims and perpetrators had faced a number of problems in their living conditions. The police and other public support services failed to implement timely preventive measures that could reduce the risk of severe intimate partner violence and partner homicides. This has happened even though the police and the public support system has a number of such measures available. In the Committee's view, the case review shows that there is good potential in the system for preventing partner homicides.

Five general challenges were identified;

- Knowledge and competence in the police and the support system,
- Communication and confidence between users and the support services,
- Rules, guidelines and recommendations,
- Organization, routines and professionalism,
- Information exchange, cooperation and coordination.

The Intimate Partner Homicide Committee recommends 70 measures in total to prevent intimate partner homicide for the government to follow up on.

Statistics – general remarks

In Norway registration of homicides are done by the National Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS). The NCIS statistics are issued annually and includes all homicides in Norway. The statistics contain, among other things, information about perpetrator, victim, relation, gender, age, mode and place of crime.

We have statistics for the years 2017 – 2019. The numbers for 2021 will be launched in January 2022.

Homicide in Norway 2018

- 25 people were killed in Norway in 2018
- 6 of the victims were partner ex-partner to perpetrator (6 women)
- 3 women were killed by other than partner

Homicide in Norway 2019

- 28 people were killed in Norway in 2019
- 4 of the victims were partner ex-partner to perpetrator (4 women)
- 12 women were killed by other than partner

Homicide in Norway 2020

- 31 people were killed in Norway in 2020
- 5 of the victims were partner ex-partner to perpetrator (4 women and 1 man)
- 1 women was killed by her former boyfriend
- 8 women were killed by other than partner