

Know Your Rights – Women

Rights and Protection for Women in Switzerland

Equality

Art. 8 of the Swiss Federal Constitution guarantees equality between women and men and prohibits gender discrimination.

Employment protection

The Federal Gender Equality Act (GIG / LEg) protects against discrimination and sexual harassment in the workplace.

Protection from violence

Violence against women, including domestic and sexual violence, is prohibited under the Swiss Criminal Code.

International protections

Switzerland is bound by CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention, which require protection against gender-based violence.

Support services in Basel

- 1 Frauenhaus beider Basel (24h hotline: +41 61 681 66 33)
- 2 Opferhilfe beider Basel – counselling and legal information
- 3 Police emergency number: 117