

# **Role of Criminal Law in Preventing Violence Against Women: A Socio-Legal Study**

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**Abstract:** This review examines the effectiveness, limitations, and socio-legal implications of criminal law in preventing violence against women. It highlights how legal frameworks have evolved globally and within India, and analyzes their impact on social attitudes, law enforcement, and justice delivery. While criminal law is indispensable for deterrence and punishment, its success remains constrained by implementation gaps, socio-cultural norms, and systemic barriers. The review concludes with recommendations to strengthen legal responses and integrate them with broader social reforms.

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