

Austria - Intimate Partner Violence

Occurs when a person and their children are subject to physical, psychological or sexual violence in their family or are repeatedly persecuted and harassed (stalked).

Legal provisions on protection orders

Interim injunctions are applied. The police is also obliged to inform intervention centres who in return offer protection for the victims as well as psychosocial and legal advice (Security Police Act, Section 38a).

Legal Source

Security Police Act, Section 38a; Domestic Violence is only indirectly covered under the Criminal Code under various sections that may be applied: Section 75 (Murder), Section 76 (Manslaughter), Section 77 (Murder by Hire), Section 78 (Involvement in Suicide), Section 79 (Infanticide), Section 82 (Abandonment), Section 83 (Bodily Harm), Section 84 (Grievous Bodily Harm), Section 85 (Grievous Bodily Harm with Lengthy Recovery Time), Section 86 (Assault with Deadly Consequences), among others.