

# Sweden - Intimate Partner Violence

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Violence where the perpetrator and the victim have or have had an intimate relation.

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## Legal provisions on protection orders

The prohibition of Visits Act: “if there is a risk that a person will commit a crime against another, or that he will maliciously follow a person, a restraining order can be issued against them.”

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## Legal Source

Criminal Code, Chapter 4, Section 4a

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## Observations

Special laws: Gross violation of women’s integrity: repeated violence within a marriage/love relation or other close relationship. If a person commits an offence falling under the provisions of chapters dealing with crimes against life and health, crimes against liberty and peace and sexual crimes against a partner with whom the offender has a close relationship or used to have a close relationship. Each of the acts must have been part of a repeated violation of the vulnerable person’s privacy and integrity and also have been likely to cause serious harm to the persons self-esteem