# Help and Support on FGM whilst abroad



Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a harmful traditional practice which is sometimes referred to as cutting or circumcision.

FGM is a crime in Scotland and throughout the UK. It is against the law to carry out FGM in Scotland or to take a girl abroad for FGM. It is also a crime for a person to assist or arrange the FGM of another person, even if the FGM occurs outside Scotland. A person convicted of an offence under the Scotland FGM Act 2005 is liable to imprisonment for up to 14 years.

Women and girls can be at risk of FGM whilst visiting countries of origin where FGM is performed. If you are abroad and become concerned that your child may be at risk of FGM, please contact the Foreign and Commonwealth office on +44(0) 20 7008 1500 or the British High Commission or Embassy in the country you are visiting for help or advice.

You can also contact local organisations working on FGM in the country you are visiting who may be able to help protect your child from FGM.

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