Viktoriya M. Rufanova. Concept and features of gender-based violence. In the article the author has studied the concept of "gender-based violence" and described its features. She has made an analysis of legislative categories that reveal features of gender-based violence.

Gender-based violence underlies global problems. This socially negative phenomenon covers all countries of the world. No country has been able to fully address gender-based violence because it has failed to achieve 100% gender equality. One of the most current trends in the development and protection of human rights on a global, global scale today is to ensure gender equality and prevent any violence based on gender.

The author suggests gender-based violence to mean a socially negative act (action or inaction) of a person / group of persons caused by the sexuality of a person / group of persons, which consists in causing physical, mental, sexual, economic school or threat of their use and can be committed in private and public areas.

The most significant signs of gender-based violence are: committed in the form of actions or omissions; affects different categories of the population through their gender (women, men, people who have changed sex, persons of different sexual orientations), is a violation of the rights, freedoms, capabili-ties of the person and their guarantees, leads to restrictions on recognition, implementation or use rights, freedoms and opportunities; associated with physical, mental, sexual, economic violence, or the threat of its use, which causes harm to health; follows from the unequal power relations between men and women; based on outdated ideas and stereotypes about the social roles and functions of the individual; committed in the private and public spheres; causes deterioration of the position of the person in society; undermines the dignity of the person; undermines the authority, security, economic and social stability of the nation on a national and global scale.

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