

## **EVE TEASING**

It is a typical social crime. It is sexual harassment or molestation of women by men.

**MOLESTATION** (SECTION 354 OF IPC 1860)

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT** (SECTION 354 A OF IPC 1860)

Section 354 as such is a specific offence which the law takes care of the name of public morality. It appears that any intentional act of indecency to the extent of use of criminal force resulting in the outrage the modesty of women is prohibited and thus punishable because modesty of an adult woman is writ large on her body. That is why the lightest act like pinching, poking, harassing women no matter where be. Everywhere in the school, colleges, shopping malls, public places, hotels.

Making indecent, obsessive remark or vulgar comments on girls and women. In most of the cases the victim shy to exposes these incidents. Insult to modesty dealt with under section 509 and 294 of IPC is one more way of humiliating women. Today eve teasing continues to be the worst form of harassment of women, which is not conditioned with age, colour or religion. It is not necessarily the outcome of urban culture and the result of loose neighbourhoods because school going girls, irrespective of their urban and rural background are subjected to eve teasing.

### **Effect of Eve Teasing on society**

Eve teasing is a form of torturing a woman threatening her to extreme, it not only hurt than physically but also mentally. Eve teasing refers to sexual harassment to a girl by a boy deeply, which turns into a notorious crime. Such activity are increasing day by day. Many girls are deeply hurt than that they are committing suicide to escape from further molestation. Eve teasing creates a negative impact on the

society and yet the most basic structure of society is showing no sign of improvement. Whenever has a look at the newspaper not a single day that you can live without the news of the incident against the women. Now a days Eve teasing become a huge issue in many metropolitan cities of India.

Family, society and of course the country have greatly affected by eve teasing. Many of girls feel insecure to go out from their home. That's why birth rate of girls decreasing day by day. Not only this, the victim also loses the mental balance. In many cases girls are letting married in early age. This under age marriage problem is also increasing by the eve teasing problem and affect their future. They are willing doing all this and asking hazards in society.

Now these days' men and women both are on the equal footing in every field. Women have landed on moon reached on the stars and to touch them. They have proved themselves equal to men in every way. At every 5 minute, a woman is sexually harassed. Eve teasing is something that she has to contend with every day. The main reason behind it is discrimination on a ground of sex, which is prohibited under article 15 of the constitution of India. It is only seen on the paper but actually the structure of the Indian society has always been male dominated. We should have to change the mindset of our self. Someone says that they herself provoked males by wearing the scanty clothes. That is actually a lame excuse. There are so many cases where women wearing salwar suits or burka as well are also the victim of eve teasing. Even if females wear modern dresses, it does not give male license to harass women. The answer lies in changing the mindset and inculcating morals and values in our education system.