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Behind Academic Walls: The Dark Reality of Sexual Harassment Exposed

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Sexual harassment in higher education is a serious problem that negatively affects students' mental well-being, academic performance, and learning climate. Unfortunately, these cases often go uncovered due to stigma, fear of retaliation, and lack of effective reporting mechanisms. This article presents a comprehensive review of the prevalence of sexual harassment on campus, causative factors, psychological, social, and academic impacts experienced by victims, and evidence-based coping strategies. This research uses the literature review method by examining various relevant studies and reports in the context of higher education. The literature study shows that the prevalence of sexual harassment on campus is quite high, with contributing factors including patriarchal culture, unequal power relations, lack of education about consent, and weak campus policies. The impacts include mental disorders, decreased motivation and academic achievement, and social isolation. Therefore, this article recommends the development of strict policies, gender equality education, safe reporting mechanisms for victims, and the provision of psychosocial support to create a safe, inclusive and equitable campus.

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