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The position of women and girls in Iraq is characterised by deeply engrained attitudes, strong cultural beliefs and societal structures that reinforce discrimination; gender-based human rights violations are common.

It should be noted that the different forms of violence against women in Iraq are often significantly interlinked. Therefore, the following subsections should be read in conjunction.

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- 3.11.1. Violence against women and girls: overview
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- 3.11.3. Forced and child marriage
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- 3.11.5. Single women and female heads of households

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