

Get Help

If you find yourself in immediate danger call 999

Contact the 24 hour Domestic Violence Helpline on 0800 9171414

The Helpline is open to all women and men who are affected by domestic abuse.

Contact Foyle Women's Aid on 028 7141 6800

Check out our website www.foylewomensaid.org for more information.

Talk to someone — a friend, a relative, a trusted colleague.

You may not be ready to leave your relationship yet but it is important to look after yourself and start thinking about how you can protect yourself.

Foyle Women's Aid Criminal Justice workers can help you to draw up a **Safety Plan** – [see over >](#)

A Safety Plan

- Keep your mobile phone in credit and charged.
- Have a list of or memorise emergency numbers.
- Identify safe areas of the house and escape routes.
- Put money aside for taxi or bus fares.
- Have extra set of car/house keys.
- Pack an emergency bag in case you have to leave in a hurry.
- Gather important documents together e.g. passport, birth/marriage certificates, bank books, legal orders, list of medications etc.
- Tell a friend or neighbour what is happening.

Your Safety is a Priority

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What is Criminal Justice Support?

The Criminal Justice service provides a quick co-ordinated response to victims of domestic violence who are at high risk of physical harm and in need of immediate safety and protection.

Criminal Justice workers support victims of domestic abuse to access the Criminal Justice system and provide support and advocacy through the process.

A Criminal Justice worker can:

- Assess the risks to you due to Domestic abuse
- Help you to increase your personal safety
- Refer your case to MARAC
- Support you to attend police station/ solicitors/court
- Liaise with Domestic Violence Unit/ Public Prosecution Service
- Keep you updated with what is happening in your case
- Support you to apply for Non Molestation Order/Occupation Order
- Refer to Crime Prevention Service
- Help you to find emergency housing
- Link you in to other Foyle Women's Aid services

What is a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference? (MARAC)

If you are referred to MARAC, this means that you have been identified as being at high risk of immediate or future harm. It is a meeting attended by a number of agencies, such as Police, Housing, Children's Services and Vulnerable Adults. They share information and draw up a plan to help keep you and your children's.

Criminal Justice workers will attend the meeting on behalf of their clients. Your worker will meet with you beforehand to try to explain the process and allay any fears you might have.

What is a Non Molestation Order?

It is a court order forbidding your partner or ex-partner from using or threatening violence against you or your child, or intimidating, harassing or pestering you. Police can arrest the abuser if he/she breaches this order.

What is an Occupation Order?

An occupation order regulates who can live in the family home, and can restrict your abuser from entering the surrounding area. If you do not feel safe continuing to live with your partner, or if you have left home because of violence, but want to return and exclude your abuser, you may want to apply for an occupation order.

How can I access this service?

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and ask for Criminal Justice Support.

If you have been involved in a recent incident where the police have been called, officers should offer you a referral to this service. You can also request them to do so.

This service is confidential, free and available to domestic abuse victims, male and female, living in the Derry, Strabane and Limavady areas. They can meet you at your home, at our premises or at a safe place within your community.