

# Seeking Safety

Increasing awareness of the **IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** in Namibia



## What happens if the abuser ignores the protection order?

It is a crime to ignore a protection order. The police can arrest the abuser.

## What happens if the victim ignores the protection order?

If you make contact with the abuser, the abuser has not committed a crime even if the protection order has a no-contact rule. But you should remember that the court made a protection order for you because you were suffering from domestic violence. By going back to the abuser, you may be at risk of more violence.

## I am afraid to apply for a protection order because my partner will beat me.

If you can find a safe place to stay, you could leave your house and then apply for a protection order.

You can go to the police at the same time as applying for a protection order. You could lay a charge with the police and ask them to arrest the abuser straight away. If you are threatened by the abuser while he/she is on bail, you should contact the police. The bail will be cancelled.

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