

# Seeking Safety

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



9 out of 10 victims of domestic violence are women.

**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.

**I am afraid that my partner will beat me if he/she is given bail.**

You should tell the police that you are afraid. The abuser may be given bail on the condition that he/she does not make contact with you. If he/she does then make contact with you or threatens you in any way, you can tell the police. Bail will be cancelled and he/she will be arrested again.

**What is the penalty for ignoring a protection order?**

The abuser could be given a fine of up to N\$8 000 or go to prison for up to two years, or both. The abuser might be put in prison for the weekend or be given work in the community to do instead of time in prison. This would allow the abuser to be punished while still remaining employed.

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