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## Role Of Police In Physical Domestic Violence

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### Abstract

The term ‘Violence’ means behavior which harms somebody physical and ‘Domestic’ means connected with the home or family. Here ‘Domestic Violence’ means any person who is oppressed or harmed by her/ his family persons Physically, mentally and financially. Not only in India but in the whole world, some men and women are treated unfairly in their homes by their relatives. Many women are killed due to dowry system by their In- Laws and some for ugliness. Then the role of the police is become very important for saving their life because police is one of the most ubiquitous organization of the society. The policemen, therefore, happened to be the most visible representative of the government. In an hour of need, danger, crisis and difficulty, when a citizen does not knows, what to do and whom to approach, the police station and policeman happen to be the most appropriate and approachable unit and person for him or her. The police is expected to be the most accessible, interactive and dynamic organization of any society. Its roles, functions and duties in the society are natural to be varied, and multifarious on the one hand; and complicated, knotty and complex on the other. Broadly, speaking the twin roles, which the police is expected to play in a society are maintenance of law and order. However, the ramifications of these two duties are numerous which result in making a large inventory of duties, functions, powers, roles and responsibilities of the police organization.

The roles and functions of the police in general are:

- to uphold and enforce the law impartially, and to protect life, liberty, property, human rights and dignity of the members of the public.
- to promote and preserve public order.
- to protect internal security.
- to prevent crimes and reduce the opportunities for the commission of crimes through its on preventive actions.
- to take charge, as a police officer on duty.
- to train, motivate and ensure welfare of police personnel.

**Key Words:** Violence, Domestic, Police , Organization

### Introduction

The role of the police in cases of domestic violence and abuse is crucial, although research has been critical of the response of frontline officers. Victims might not always get the police response they require and there are still gaps in whether some victims get ‘justice’ or not. Despite criticisms, the police remain one of the key frontline services which victims can use to prevent and stop incidents of violence and abuse.

The most recent legal change was the introduction, in 2015, of the crime of 'Coercive Control'. This, for the first time, recognizes that domestic violence, rather than being a series of incidents, is a pattern of controlling behaviors. What role the police are able to take in terms of the new legal provision of coercive control remains to be seen. Several women we interviewed were encouraged by police to keep a secret diary of their partners' abusive behavior, to use as evidence.

Women contacted the police following a physical assault or rape, or after their partner had 'kicked them out' of their home, or to get help with harassment and threats from their ex after leaving, or to protect their children. In a few cases, other professionals or family members made the call.

While some women found the police helpful, others felt officers did not understand or take them seriously. Women were desperate for an immediate response and found it hard to manage the delays in the process of getting a court injunction or having their injuries assessed. Many women were too afraid to call the police for fear of retaliation from their partner.

#### **Helpful responses from Police:**

- **Responding to calls for police service**
- **Maintaining public order**
- **Enforcing the law and preventing criminal activities**
- **Investigating crimes**
- **Protecting victims**
- **Conducting patrols**
- **Directing traffic**
- **Mediating disputes**
- **Assisting at accidents**
- **Collecting unused prescription medication**
- **Ensuring child safety seats are correctly installed**
- **Speaking to groups about crime prevention**
- **Performing first aid**
- **Helping citizens get to safety**
- **Preventing the destruction of property**
- **Directing evacuations**
- **Assisting in emergency situations during adverse weather conditions**
- **Conducting search and rescue operations**
- **Collecting evidence at a crime scene**
- **Testifying in court**
- **Conducting home checks to make sure homes are safe while owners are on vacation**
- **Partnering with volunteer Neighborhood Watch or block watch programs to keep neighborhoods safe**
- **Providing self-defense training**
- **Keeping schools safe by working as school resource officers**
- **Performing welfare checks upon request**

### **Unhelpful Responses from the Police:**

- **Treated you badly,**
- **Did not act in line with your rights,**
- **Did not follow correct policies and procedures,**
- **Discriminated against your mental health**
- **Their actions have had a negative effect on you, even if it was not directed towards you.**

### **Acts for Domestic Violence:**

#### **1.Domestic Violence Act**

The Domestic Violence Act (also known as the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act) is a crucial legal framework that aims to protect women from various forms of domestic abuse and violence. The act recognizes that violence within the home is a violation of a woman's fundamental rights and seeks to provide victims with legal remedies, support.

#### **2.Protection Orders**

The act allows a victim of domestic violence to seek different types of protection orders from the court. Protection orders may include restraining orders to prohibit the abuser from contacting or approaching the victim, residence orders to provide the victim with exclusive possession of the shared household, and monetary relief orders to address financial support or compensation.

#### **3.Appointment of Protection Officers**

The act provides for the appointment of Protection Officers who play a crucial role in assisting victims of domestic violence. Protection Officers are responsible for supporting victims in filing complaints, applying for protection orders, and ensuring their safety and well-being.

#### **4.Role of Service Providers**

The act recognizes the importance of service providers in supporting victims of domestic violence. Service providers may include shelter homes, counseling centers, medical facilities, and legal aid organizations. The act mandates the provision of necessary facilities and services by service providers, including safe accommodation, medical assistance, counseling, and legal support.

#### **5.Duties and Responsibilities of Police Officers**

The act outlines the responsibilities of police officers when dealing with cases of domestic violence. It requires police officers to promptly respond to complaints, provide protection to victims, assist in obtaining medical aid, and facilitate the victim's access to legal remedies. Police officers are also responsible for informing victims about their rights, explaining the available legal provisions, and ensuring the proper documentation of incidents.

#### **6.Counseling and Support**

The act recognizes the importance of counseling and support services for victims of domestic violence. It encourages the establishment of counseling centers to provide emotional support, guidance, and rehabilitation to victims. Counseling services aim to empower victims, help them rebuild their lives, and assist in their emotional healing and recovery.

### 7. Legal Remedies and Penalties

The act provides victims with the right to seek various legal remedies, including protection orders, residence orders, custody orders for children, and compensation orders. It also imposes penalties and punishments for violations of protection orders, which may include imprisonment and fines.

**Conclusion:** Domestic Violence should be removed from the family, society, Nation or World. Every citizen is equal in this cosmos. Women should be educated so that they stand on their foot. They know their rights and responsibilities to regulate their lives as well as the nation. Police also should do its duty well without any discrimination. All the people should be responsible for social welfare. Then, we will make Paradise of this Earth.

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