

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

Category:	Domestic Violence
Country:	Cyprus
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Main policy page:	<p>The Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family is the coordinating body for dealing with Domestic Violence issues in Cyprus and aims at implementing the violence in the family law in order to achieve the total prevention and eradication of violence in the family. Its members include governmental and non-governmental organizations. The Cyprus Police is one of the members of the Committee.</p> <p>The Advisory Committee drafted the interdisciplinary procedures to be followed by the various Services in cases of Domestic Violence (later adopted by the Council of Ministers). It also promotes initiatives for the prevention of domestic violence.</p> <p>The Police carry out campaigns, inform people on the legislation regarding domestic violence and on the support and services they may use in such cases. Various brochures, posters and radio/TV messages have been issued for this purpose.</p> <p>Police officers are informed about the legislation and the procedures to be followed in cases of domestic violence, while at the same time, they are trained on the psycho-social aspects and dynamics of domestic violence.</p>
Relevant legislation:	<p>Prevention of Domestic Violence and Protection of Victims Law 119(I)2000. http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/cgibin/hweb?-V=legislationgr&_FSECTION=10040&-dlegislationgr.html&-Sr&_VSECTION=0000&_VCATEGORY=0000</p> <p>Interdisciplinary procedures Handbook http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/cgibin/hweb?-A=16&-V=manual&_VCATEGORY=0000</p> <p>Handbook for Interdisciplinary procedures regarding Children http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/cgibin/hweb?-A=3612&-V=manual</p>
Trends:	<p>Research carried out in 2000, showed that 20% of adults stated that victims themselves are to blame for the violence exercised, 33% believe that men should demonstrate their power / authority, 20% say that they believe one or two slaps in the face are not an issue, 36,5% of those asked stated that they had witnessed scenes of domestic violence, more than four times.</p>

	<p>http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/cgibin/hweb?-A=34&-V=research</p> <p>Research conducted in 2004 showed that 20% of children aged 12-18 had suffered some form of physical abuse while 10% had suffered some form of sexual abuse by members of the close family environment. Furthermore, 50% of the children had witnessed some form of domestic violence.</p> <p>http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/cgibin/hweb?-A=26&-V=research</p> <p>Research carried out in 2012 showed 7% of women accepting forced sexual intercourse in the marriage as normal, while at least 28% of women in the sample have experienced violence of some kind.</p> <p>http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/cgibin/hweb?-A=971&-V=research</p> <p>For police statistical data, please see www.police.gov.cy. Also follow link: http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/cgibin/hweb?-V=statistics&_FSECTION=10160&-dstatistics.html&-Sr&_VSECTION=10160&_VCATEGORY=0000 for statistical data from the police, other governmental agencies and non-governmental agencies.</p>
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