



MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: WHAT TO DO?



**ENGLISH
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WHAT IS MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?

THERE ARE MANY FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. WITH VIOLENCE, MEN CONTROL WOMEN AND DEPRIVE THEM OF THEIR FREEDOM.

A MAN USES VIOLENCE AGAINST YOU WHEN:

-  HE HITS YOUR CHILDREN AND YOU (EVEN JUST A SLAP) OR TELLS YOU HE WANTS TO HIT YOU;
-  HE INSULTS YOU OR SCREAMS AGAINST YOU WHEN YOU TWO ARE ALONE OR WITH OTHERS;
-  HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO YOU AND HE DOESN'T CARE HOW YOU FEEL, HE SCARES YOU;
-  HE PREVENTS YOU FROM MEETING YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS AND TELLS YOU HE WANTS TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN AWAY FROM YOU;
-  HE PREVENTS YOU FROM GETTING OUT OF THE HOUSE, HE PREVENTS YOU FROM STUDYING OR WORKING, HE PREVENTS YOU FROM GOING TO SCHOOL;
-  HE CALLS YOU ON YOUR PHONE AND HE ALWAYS SENDS TEXT MESSAGES TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE;
-  HE CHECKS YOUR PHONE AND WANTS TO KNOW ALL OF YOUR PASSWORDS;
-  HE TELLS YOU HOW TO DRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, HE MAKES YOU WEAR MORE TRADITIONAL CLOTHES OR CLOTHES THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO WEAR;
-  HE FORCES YOU TO HAVE SEX WITH HIM WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO, HE FORCES YOU TO HAVE A BABY OR TO HAVE AN ABORTION;
-  HE DECIDES WHOM YOU ARE TO GET MARRIED TO;
-  HE BEATS YOU UP AND INSULTS YOU IF YOU LOVE A WOMAN;
-  HE CONTROLS THE FAMILY'S MONEY AND DOESN'T GIVE YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN ANY MONEY;
-  HE HIDES YOUR DOCUMENTS (ID CARD, PASSPORT, RESIDENCY PERMIT...) OR YOUR CHILDREN'S DOCUMENTS;
-  HE SAYS THAT IF YOU DON'T DO WHAT HE WANTS, HE WON'T LET YOU HAVE OR RENEW YOUR RESIDENCY PERMIT.

A PERSON EXERCISES VIOLENCE AGAINST YOU WHEN HE/SHE DOESN'T RESPECT YOU OR WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN HE/SHE DOESN'T LISTEN TO YOU WHEN HE/SHE DOESN'T LISTEN WHEN YOU SAY "NO!".

VIOLENCE IS ALWAYS VIOLENCE, EVEN WHEN YOUR FATHER, YOUR MOTHER, YOUR HUSBAND, YOUR AUNT, ONE OF YOUR RELATIVES, ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS OR YOUR EMPLOYERS USES IT!

VIOLENCE IS A CRIME: NO ONE SHOULD USE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN!

IF SOMEONE USES VIOLENCE, CALL FOR HELP!

WHAT YOU CAN DO IN ITALY IF THERE IS VIOLENCE?

- * IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY OR YOU ARE SCARED ABOUT YOUR LIFE OR YOUR HEALTH, IMMEDIATELY CALL THE FREE NUMBER **112** OR **113**.

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- * CALL THE FREE NUMBER **1522**.

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- * CALL, WRITE AN EMAIL OR SEND A MESSAGE (WITH AN SMS, MESSENGER, WHATSAPP) TO THE ANTI-VIOLENCE CENTER NEARER TO YOUR OWN CITY, IN THE ANTI-VIOLENCE CENTER THERE ARE WOMEN WHO HELP OTHER WOMEN. THE ANTI-VIOLENCE CENTER DOESN'T LET ANYONE KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOU, IT DOESN'T ASK FOR MONEY AND IT DOESN'T MAKE YOU DO ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO DO. FIND HERE THE ANTI-VIOLENCE CENTER CLOSER TO YOU: <https://www.direcontrolaviolenza.it/i-centri-antiviolenza/>
- * IF YOU THINK THAT SOMEONE IS USING VIOLENCE AGAINST ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS OR YOUR NEIGHBOUR, CALL THE ANTI-VIOLENCE CENTER O THE FREE NUMBER 1522.
- * WHEN YOU GO OUT CALL FOR HELP, FOR EXAMPLE GO TO THE CHEMIST'S OR TO THE SCHOOL'S TEACHERS, OR CALL THE NUMBER 1522 OR GO TO THE POLICE OR TO THE CARABINIERI'S.

WHAT DO THE POLICE AND THE CARABINIERI DO?

- * IF YOU CALL THE FREE NUMBER 112 OR 113, THE POLICE OR THE CARABINIERI WILL COME STRAIGHT AWAY. YOU CAN PRESS CHARGE OR NOT, BUT IF THE POLICE OR THE CARABINIERI THINK THAT SOMETHING SERIOUS HAPPENED, THEY CAN REPORT TO THE MAGISTRATE EVEN WITHOUT YOUR STATEMENT.
- * IF YOU GO TO THE POLICE OR TO THE CARABINIERI'S YOU CAN PRESS CHARGE, EVEN IF THE VIOLENT ACT HAPPENED 3 MONTHS AGO. ATTENTION! AFTER THE STATEMENT, VIOLENCE OFTEN CONTINUES, SOMETIMES EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE: CALL AN ANTI-VIOLENCE CENTER OR CALL THE NUMBER **1522** IN ORDER TO KNOW WHAT TO DO! THE ANTI-VIOLENCE CENTER WILL HELP YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO FIND A SAFE PLACE.
- * IF YOU PRESS CHARGE IN CASE OF VIOLENCE, NO ONE WILL TAKE YOUR CHILDREN AWAY!
- * IF YOU PRESS CHARGE IN CASE OF VIOLENCE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A LAWYER FOR FREE.
- * IF YOU PRESS CHARGE IN CASE OF VIOLENCE AND YOU HAVE A RESIDENCY PERMIT FOR FAMILY REASONS, YOU CAN STAY IN ITALY WITH A SPECIAL PERMIT WITHOUT LIVING WITH YOUR FAMILY! THIS SPECIAL PERMIT CAN BECOME A PERMIT FOR WORK REASONS.
- * IF YOU HAVE A REGULAR JOB, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK THE INPS FOR A 100% PAID LEAVE OF 3 MONTHS.

WHAT ARE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION?

* THERE IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHEN SOMEONE MAKES A WOMAN WORK IN ORDER TO TAKE HER MONEY: IT'S A VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE.

* THERE IS SEXUAL EXPLOITATION WHEN SOMEONE FORCES A WOMAN TO HAVE SEX WITH OTHER MEN FOR MONEY: IT'S A VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE.

* IF SOMEONE DOES THESE CRIMES AGAINST YOU OR ANOTHER WOMAN, CALL THE FREE NUMBER **800 290 290**. THIS PHONE NUMBER WORKS EVERY DAY AT EVERY HOUR.

* IF YOU PRESS CHARGES FOR THESE CRIMES AND YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR DOCUMENTS, YOU CAN STAY IN ITALY WITH A SPECIAL RESIDENCY PERMIT. THIS SPECIAL PERMIT CAN BECOME A PERMIT FOR WORK REASONS.

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