

What if I call the police?

It can feel scary to call the police when you are frightened or have been assaulted by your partner / ex-partner.

Be assured that the police are there to help.

**You are not betraying your partner!
Domestic abuse is
their responsibility alone!**

Calling the police

If you are frightened for your own or your children's safety, you should always call 999 if you are able to do so.

Domestic violence is a crime!

The police can help.

You can ask for a female police officer to attend if you prefer.

When the police arrive

They will make sure you and your children are safe from any further harm

They will take you to a safe space in or around your home to allow you to speak freely and safely

If necessary, they will remove your partner from the home

They may arrest, caution, or charge your partner if there are grounds to do so

They will arrange medical support if needed

They will help you to seek other supports

They will help you to arrange to go somewhere safe

If your partner has fled before the police arrive, they can circulate a description and try to find him

What you can do

Tell the police as much as you can

If action is taken against your partner, ask for a crime reference number – it may help you if you need to contact other agencies, such as Housing or Benefits.

More information on how the police can support you with issues of domestic violence

www.scotland.police.uk

Contact us – we can help!

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