

Equally Safe Falkirk

Working together to help families to heal from domestic abuse and improve family functioning

What if I call the police?

It can be 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 them for a female 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 any medical support needed.

They will help you to seek other supports.

They will help you arrange to go somewhere safe.

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

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.

Visit the link below for more information
Police Scotland

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