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- Ministry of Justice and Public Order
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education and Culture
- Department of Social Welfare Services - Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance
- Attorney General's Office
- Police
- Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the family
- Cyprus Family Planning Association
- Cyprus Association of Psychologists
- Pancyprian Welfare Council
- Pancyprian Association for the promotion of the mental health of children and adolescent people

SERVICES WHICH CAN HELP YOU

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS CENTER
(TEL: 1440)
- POLICE-EMERGENCIES
(Local Police Station)
(TEL: 199)
- HOSPITALS - EMERGENCIES
- DEPARTMENT OF SOCIALS WELFARE SERVICES/ DISTRICT WELFARE OFFICES
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L/sol Tel: 25804460, 25804450
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(Paralimni)
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- MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE / EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY



**FAMILY VIOLENCE IS A
CRIMINAL OFFENCE
AND IS PUNISHABLE
BY LAW**

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United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child (article 19)

“1. States Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child.

2. Such protective measures should, as appropriate, include effective procedures for the establishment of social programmes to provide necessary support for the child and for those who have the care of the child, as well as for other forms of prevention and for identification, reporting, referral, investigation, treatment and follow-up of instances of child maltreatment described heretofore, and, as appropriate, for judicial involvement.”

“Violence in the Family”

Under section 3 of the Violence in the Family (Prevention and Protection of Victims) Laws 119(I)/2000 and 212(I)/2004 means: “any act, omission or behavior which causes physical, sexual or mental injury to any member of the family and includes violence used for the purpose of having sexual intercourse without the consent of the victim as well as of restricting its freedom.”

“It is also provided that if violence takes place in the presence of minor members of the family it shall be considered as violence exercised against the said minor members of the family. This is also likely to cause them psychological traumas”.

The Advisory committee

The Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Violence in the Family was established under section 7 of the Violence in the Family (Prevention and Protection of Victims) Laws 119 (I)/2000 and 212(I)/2004.

Mission and Purpose

To implement the Violence in the Family Law, in coordination with public services and voluntary agencies, in order to achieve, the total prevention and eradication of violence in the family.

Functions

- To monitor the problem of violence in the family.
- To take measures for information and awareness of the public and professionals.
- To conduct scientific research regarding violence in the family.
- To promote services dealing with all aspects of the problem.
- To monitor the effectiveness of services and the enforcement of the relevant legislation.