



A Police Program for vulnerable population facing DV in the Netherlands

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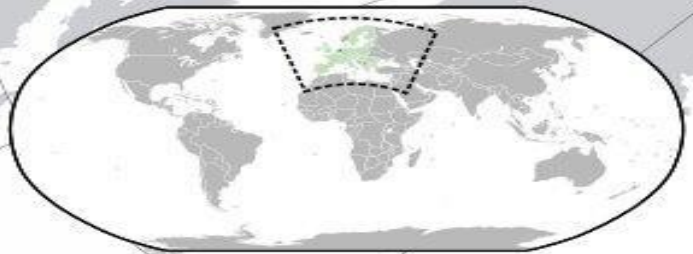
Domestic Violence: A Public Health Challenge

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The Netherlands:
17 million inhabitants
2 million non Western immigrants
411 inhabitants/km²



Definition Domestic Violence

Violence or abuse by someone within the home or family of the victim, amongst others:

- Physical and sexual abuse, battery, and threatening*
- It may or may not involve damage of goods in or around the home*

*The emphasis is on **the relational context** within which the violence takes place, **not the place***



The problem

“At home one has the largest chance to become a victim of violence”

In the Netherlands...

- Each year 119.000 children are being abused
- Each year 200.000 persons are victim of DV committed by 100.000 à 110.000 suspects
- 51 % of the women being killed are victim of an act of their (ex-) partner



Dutch Police: national force, devided in 10 regions



Police act:

'The police have the task, subordinate to the competent authority and in accordance with the applicable rules of law, to ensure effective law enforcement and to render assistance to those who need it.'

Core Values:

- integrity
- trustworthiness
- courage
- **connectedness**



Police approach

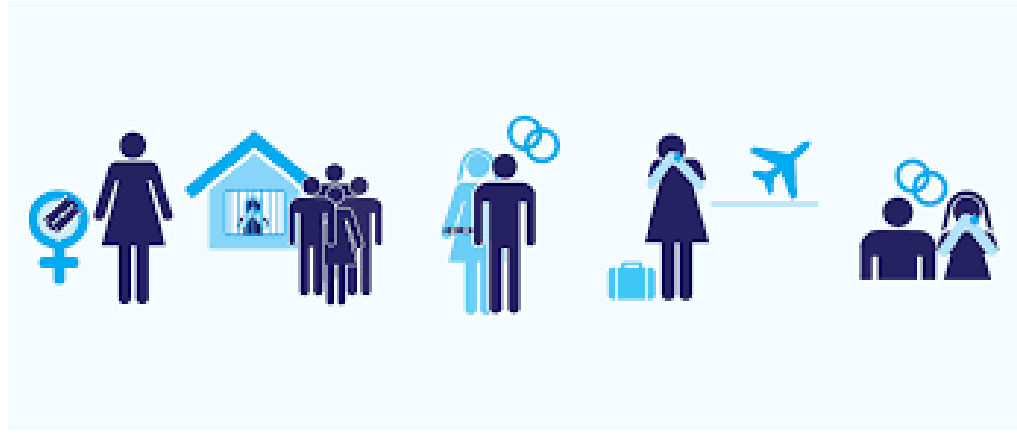


- **DV is never acceptable**
- The primary goal is to stop the violence
- Notification to the social workers 'Safe at home'
- The location is a crime scene
- Perpetrator must be arrested at all times
- Multidisciplinary **risk assessment**
- Temporary restraining order



Special needs/approach

- Victims of honour based crime
- Ex-partner stalking
- Elderly people



Victim's Rights

Risk assessment

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Protective measures



Risk Assessment



Victim characteristics

Minor

Intellectually limited/
limited communication

Crime type

Human trafficking

Sexual abuse

Homicide

Domestic Violence

Terrorism

Hate crime

Other High Impact Crime

Circumstances

Dependency of suspect

Perception of risk

<1 year before victim of same sort of crime

Organized crime

Other circumstances

Protective measures

- Alert on the address of the victim
- Reporting anonymously
- Temporary restraining order
- Protection orders (no contact)
- Camera's
- Alarm with direct link to police
- ...





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