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Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a violence conducted by one's spouse or someone who has or had a close relationship with the person, not only physical violence, but any form of violence (emotional, social, economic, etc.) which threatens the victim's personality, safety, etc. in order to control that person. This violence by a spouse is a crime

By 'Laws related to protection from violence inflicted by a spouse and the measures including protection of victims' (DV Prevention Act) (*DV Boshi Ho*), provision of counseling concerning violence inflicted by a spouse and the protection of victims is stipulated.

Consultation services

If you are a victim or know of someone who is a victim, consult the nearest 'domestic violence Consultation and Support Center (*Haigusha Boryoku Sodan Shien Center*) or a police station.

At this Center, a female consultant will give consul, and you may also receive protection. The Cabinet Office provides "Domestic Violence Hotline Plus", where a consultation service by a specialist will be available via phone, email and chat in 10 different languages.

Moreover, there are also women-only telephone counseling services, 'Women's Human Rights Hotline' (*Josei no Jinken Hotline*) provided by Regional Legal Affairs Bureaus (*Chiho Homu Kyoku*) throughout the country.

Enquiries:

Police Department General Advisory Center: #9110 (Nationwide number)

Hyogo Prefecture Police Department Stalking and DV Consultation Center: 078-371-7830

Nishinomiya City DV Counseling Room (Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center): 0798-23-6011

DV Consultation Plus: 0120-279-889 <https://soudanplus.jp/> (Website)

Kobe Regional Legal Affairs Bureau 'Women's Human Rights Hotline' : 0570-070-810

(*Kobe Chiho Homu Kyoku [Josei no Jinken Hotline]*)

Stalking

A stalker is a person who because of romantic or emotional attachment or unfulfilled emotional reasons develops malice toward a woman or individual and 'pursues them / lies in wait for them / uses forceful entry' or 'demands to meet or have a relationship with them' or 'makes nuisance phone calls', etc.

According to the 'Stalker Control Act' (*Stalker Kisei Ho*), punishment for stalker acts and support for victims is stipulated.

Those who are victims of stalkers or know of someone who is a victim should consult their nearest police station or police box (*Koban*).

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Note For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.