



FOR WORSE OR FOR BETTER

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAPPENS TO YOUNG WOMEN AND OLDER WOMEN WHETHER THEY ARE MARRIED OR NOT.

Some women believe that they cannot leave because of the marriage, pregnancy or because of the children. There are many other reasons why women might stay in a relationship with or return to the abusive partner, e.g.

- **He might have threatened to kill her if she leaves**
- **He might have threatened to kill the children**
- **He might have threatened to kill himself**
- **He may have followed her, harassed her and promised never to do it again**
- **In a Court hearing over child contact a Judge might give custody of the children to the abusing father**
- **She does not want to take the children away from their friends and school**
- **Her family might force her to stay or disown her if she leaves**
- **The Government might deport her if she is not a British National and has lived here for less than two years.**



You can write down more examples here if you know of any.

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REFUGEE STAFF, CHILDREN'S WORKERS, CHILDREN'S OUTREACH WORKERS OR OTHER SUPPORT WORKERS CAN HELP EXPLAIN THESE THINGS IN MORE DETAIL WITH YOU IF YOU WANT THEM TO. IT'S OK TO ASK QUESTIONS.