

Does your client need home security?



The **Sanctuary** Project aims to prevent homelessness by allowing the victim of domestic abuse to remain safely within the home.



1. The victim must be a sole tenant (if it is in joint tenancy, the victim must get an occupation order or remove the perpetrator's name from the tenancy).
2. The incidents must be reported ie to the police, Tower Hamlets Council, Victim Support Tower Hamlets, Health professionals etc.
3. The victim must want to remain in the property and want security installed.
4. The victim must have a valid legal order in place against the perpetrator especially if the risks are high (if not then the reason stated why).

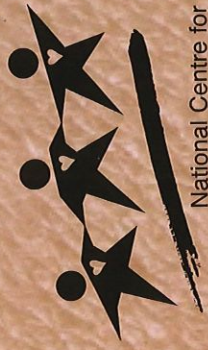
For more information or to make a referral, please contact LBTH VAWG and Domestic Abuse duty line

0800 279 5434 or 020 7364 4986 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Email (non-secure): domestic.violence@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Secure email: domestic.violence@towerhamlets.gov.uk.cjism.net

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How to get help
with getting an
injunction

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If you are reading this you are probably a victim of domestic violence or abuse. We want to say right now that we can help you. This leaflet tries to explain without using legal terminology and technical words exactly what we can do, but if you are in any doubt please give us a call, the number is on the back.

Let's see if we can answer some of your questions...

Who are The National Centre for Domestic Violence?

We are an organisation that specialises in providing you with legal assistance to obtain injunctions to protect you from being further abused.

How can you help me?

We are experts on the Family Law Act 1996, so if you are a victim, tell us your story and we will help you obtain an injunction.

What is an injunction?

An injunction is a court order that prohibits an abuser from using or threatening violence against you, harassing, pestering or intimidating you and in some cases contacting you altogether. If the order is breached, the police can arrest the abuser immediately. If you are living or have lived with the abuser we may be able to prevent them from returning to your home or even have them removed.

How does an injunction work?

Injunctions work incredibly well. They give you back the power.

you need to break free from an abusive relationship. They allow you to stand up for yourself and say "NO" to being intimidated. If the order is breached the Police can arrest the perpetrator and they might be put in jail for up to 5 years.

That's great but I don't want the abuser to get a criminal record.

The injunction is a civil order which means that the Police have no involvement unless of course the terms of the order are breached. So there is no criminal offence unless you are threatened, abused or intimidated. The injunction will not show up on a DBS check unless it is breached.

How long does an Injunction last?

Usually they will last for a year but they can last anywhere from a few months to over two years.

How do I get an Injunction?

Firstly call us, your call will be answered by our emergency First Steps Team.

We will take brief details from you and assess your case very quickly. If you are eligible for an injunction you will be assigned a case worker.

The case worker will call you back and start to draft all the documents necessary to apply for your injunction. One document is your statement, this is your chance to tell your whole story and your case worker will write everything down. This call will probably take 30 to 40 minutes.

Your case worker will then hang up and finish off your documents, this may take them 2 to 3



hours but when they are finished they will call you back and read back all the details.

If you are happy with everything we will email all your documents to our legal panel and you will be assigned a legal representative. The legal representative may not be local to you but they will perform the fastest.

Your legal representative will call you back and arrange to meet you. You will then go to court together and obtain your injunction.

How long will all this take?

We have a target of 24 hours from the time you call, we try really hard to keep to this but sometimes it may take a little longer.

Can you help me with housing and the stress I am under?

Whilst we only specialise with injunctions we work very closely with other organisations that can help you with any emotional support or practical solutions you may need.

How much will your help cost me?

Our services are completely free of charge, and at no point will you be asked to pay us any money. Most people are covered by Legal Aid but please don't worry about that now, your safety is the most important thing and when you call we will explain all your options.

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