

Eradication of Spousal Violence

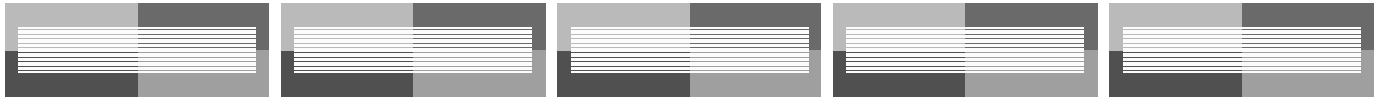
Do you worry about it?

Law for the Prevention of Spousal
Violence and the Protection of
Victims has been framed.

This Law shall take effect on
October 13,2001

Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office





Many women are suffering from spousal violence

Until now have you been committed the following acts by your husband?

Sustained life threatening violence	4.6%
Sustained violence severe enough to warrant medical treatment	4.0%
Sustained violence not severe enough to warrant medical treatment	14.1%
Forced to perform a sexual acts against your will	17.7%

A Survey on Violence between Men and Women
Prime Minister's Office(Now, Cabinet Office),
February 2000

The percentage of the case that women were damaged among all crime between husband and wife on the Penal Code.

Violence.....**97.6%** (127 cases among 124)

Mayhem.....**94.4%** (838 cases among 888)

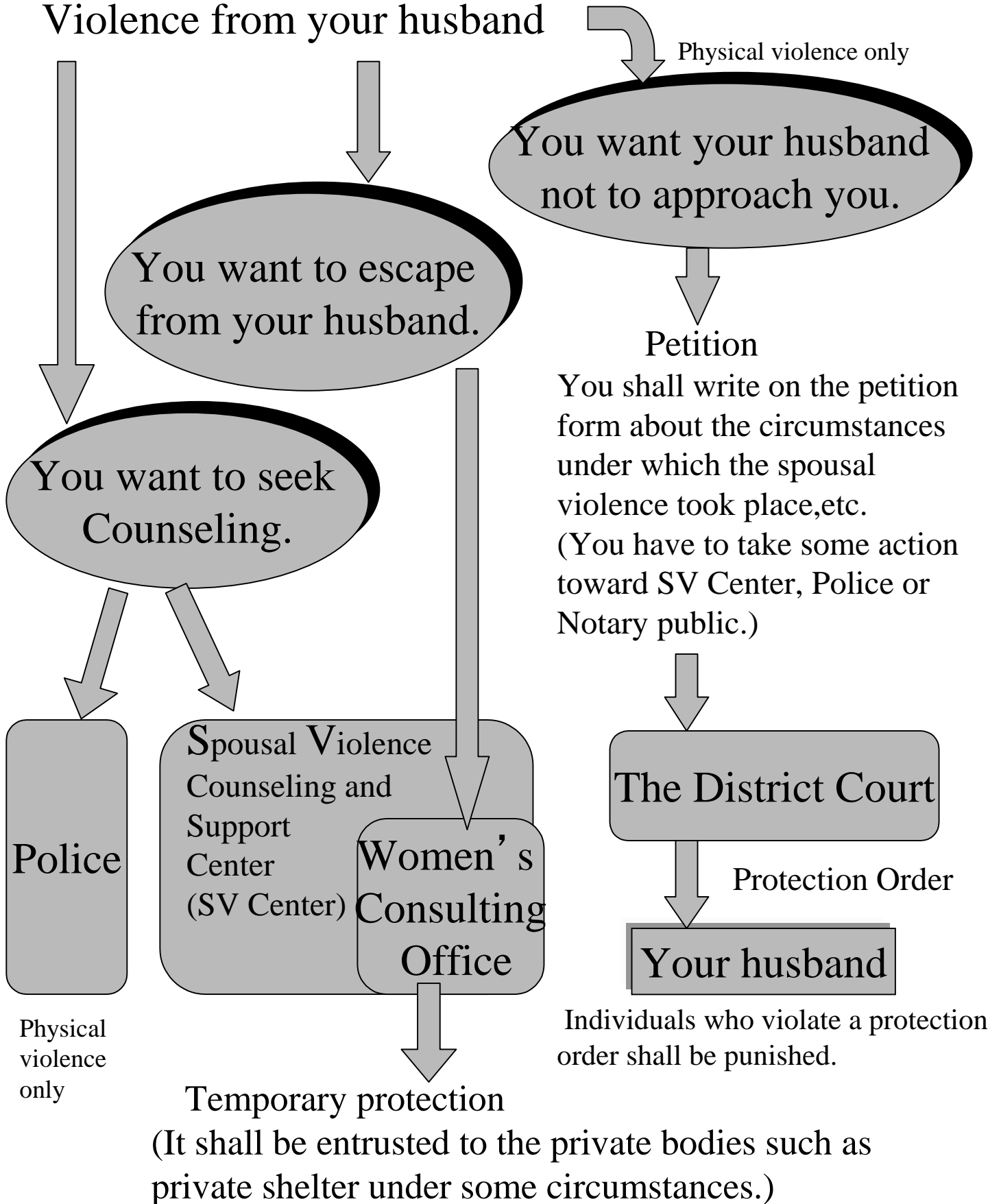
Murder.....**68.0%** (134 cases among 197)

Statistics of National Police Agency,2000



OUTLINE

Violence from your husband





Counseling

Various organizations provide counseling.

Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Center

Women's Consulting Office and other appropriate facilities established by prefectural governments function as this center. Please ask prefectural governments about more information. This center undertake such activities as counseling, guidance, temporary protection and offer of necessary information, related to psychological violence as well as physical violence.

※ This part shall take effect on April 1, 2002. Till then, Women's Consulting Office etc provide counseling.

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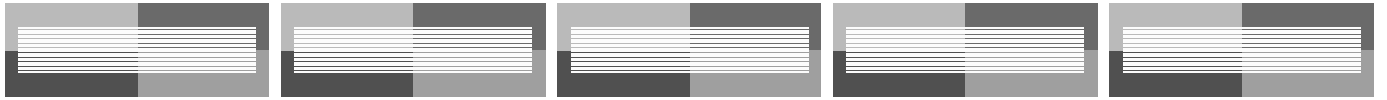
The police take appropriate measures with respect for your intention (for example: to arrest and caution against your husband or provide necessary information about measures to prevent crimes.) .

Otherwise ,

The organization for protection of human rights,
Cities, towns and villages, and

Private bodies (for example: Private Shelter)

provide counseling.



Temporary protection

The case

you want to escape from your husband for the time being.

One facility in each prefecture

Women's Consulting Office

shall provide counseling to victims and

temporary protection for victims of spousal violence. You can live with your children ,being protected from your husband for the time being.

Temporary protection shall be entrusted to the private bodies such as private shelter under some circumstances.

※ This part shall take effect on
April 1,2002





Protection Orders

The case

**you want your husband
not to approach you.**

Upon your petition, the court shall issued a protection order to your husband.

※ In cases where there is a grave threat of renewed spousal violence against a victim constituting a significant harm to life or physical conditions.

Protection orders has following two patterns.


☆ The order to prohibit the approach

To prohibit your husband for six-month period from approaching you and loitering in the vicinity of your domicile and workplace etc.

☆ The order to vacate

To require your husband to vacate your home for two-week period

Individuals who violate a protection order shall be subject to imprisonment with labor of up to one year or a fine of not more than one million yen.



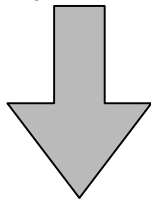


Petition for protection order

You shall petition the district court

On the petition form you shall write about the circumstances under which the spousal violence took place and sufficient evidence to prove that a considerable threat of significant harm to life or physical conditions resulting from renewed spousal violence still exists.

And if you sought counseling or asked for support or protection to SV Center employees or Police officers, you shall write about this fact etc.



Without such facts, how can I do?

You shall be attested your statement for the spousal violence in writing by notary public and submit the petition form with this attested paper.

※ SV Center shall take effort on April 1, 2002. Till then, SV Center in this page should read Women's Consulting Office.



If physicians or other medical personnel detect individuals who they consider to have suffered injuries, etc from spousal violence, they may notify them to the SV Center or the police. (In such case, they should try to respect the intentions of the individuals concerned.)

※ SV Center shall take effect on April 1, 2002

What the State and local governments shall be required

- Necessary training and educational activities among official personnel
- Education and Enlightenment
- Study and research to discover methods for guidance about the rehabilitation of abusive spouses, etc.
- To train personnel and improve their professional quality
- Support to private bodies

Ask

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