



Statement regarding "Call for submissions: COVID-19 and the increase of domestic violence against women"

In Finland, the COVID-19 pandemic has had no special effects within domestic violence against men or women. All our helplines are open, shelters are open (reachable regardless the restrictive measures), protection orders are available and accessible, courts are open and provide protection and decisions in cases of domestic violence, and all health services are open. Statistics on domestic violence produced by Statistics Finland are available at the end of the year 2020.

In Finland both men and women suffer from domestic violence – both as victims and perpetrators. That's why we offer professional help targeted for male or female perpetrators or victims. Our professional organizations have learned by their long-term work, that the best way to prevent and combat domestic violence is to help all parties within the violent situations.

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