



Family Violence Scenario

(at soccer game)

Nabeeh: you missed three goals Ram what's wrong

Ram: My sister Radha just called she's having problems with her husband and wants to stay with us tonight. She's scared of him when he gets angry. He says she spends too much of his money. He won't give her enough money to buy food. If he doesn't like her cooking, he throws things around the house and sometimes he hits her. I don't know what to do or say.

Nabeeh: what did you say to her?

Ram: well I told her he's her husband and she must stay with him. She has to do what he says and then he won't be so angry, but now I'm worried about her.

Nabeeh: My cousin beat his wife badly when she was pregnant. I feel really bad because when she asked for help I told her just be a good wife and it'll be okay.

Ram: What? So what should I do?

Nabeeh: go and talk to your sister and tell her what he's doing is wrong. He has no right to hit her. Make sure she has a safe place to go if he hits her again.

(Radha comes to her brother and sister's in law house)

Radha: He hits me again. I'm scared

Sister in law: It is too dangerous at your house. You and the children can come and stay with us. Why don't we call a domestic violence service and ask what we should do next

(Radha calls domestic violence service)

Radha: they told me I should get an order telling him to stop. They said I could get help from the police or legal aid. What do you think?



Sister in law: let's go to the police now and talk to them

Radha: good

(Radha and sister in law go to the Police Station)

Radha: can you help me? My husband hit me

Police officer: we can help you get an intervention order to tell your husband to stop hurting you. The order can also tell your husband to leave the family home if you want him to.

Radha: how can we pay the rent if he leaves? I don't want him to go. I just want him to listen to the police and understand they will arrest him if he does not stop.

Police officer: he can be ordered not to threaten you or hurt you even if you live together.

Rashmi: what should I do? (asking her sister in law)

Sister in law: I think you should get an order that tells him to stop. You and the children have the right to be safe at home, the law says so.