

# HUTT CITY WOMEN'S REFUGE



**WOMEN'S REFUGE**



# 2016 STATISTICS

## New Zealand

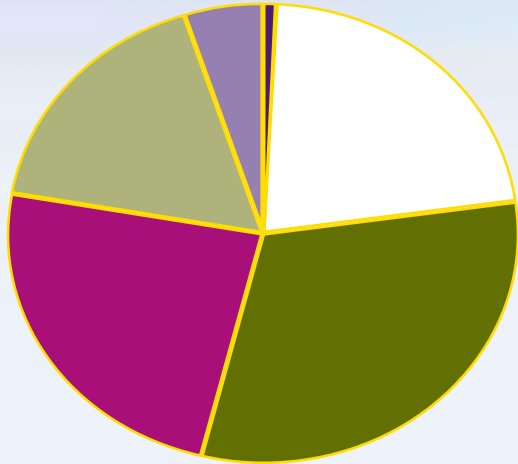
118,910	family violence investigations by police
33,000	reported to refuge by police
41%	Of frontline Police officers time – Domestic Violence
4268	Protection orders granted
15,000	Police safety Orders

More than 80 per cent of women who are murdered are murdered by their partner.



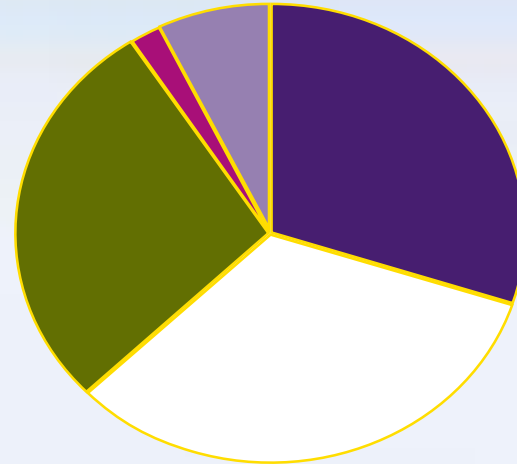
**WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# STATISTICS



**Of women**

- 1 % were aged under 17 years
- 22 % were aged 17 - 25 years
- 31 % were aged 26 - 35 years
- 24 % were aged 36 - 45 years
- 17 % were aged 46 years+
- 5 % were unknown



**Of children**

- 30 % were under 5 years of age
- 33 % were aged 5 - 9 years
- 28 % were aged 10 - 16 years
- 2 % were over 16 years
- 7 % were unknown



# WOMEN'S REFUGE

# COST TO NEW ZEALAND

Police believe only about 17 per cent of family violence was reported

\$4.5 billion – \$7 billion per year



**WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# STATISTICS HUTT VALLEY

## **Hutt Valley**

Second Highest rate of Domestic Violence in NZ  
Manakau has the highest rate

## Hutt Refuge Statistics

2592 contacts per year

643 Bed nights in Safe House from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 to date (adults only – children not recorded)



# WOMEN'S REFUGE

# HUTT VALLEY WOMENS REFUGE

Refuge run by collective

2012 Governance Board established

2015 / 2016 Crisis in funding

2016 / 2017 Restructure



**WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# OUR SERVICES

Services now provided to Upper Hutt

## **Hutt Womens refuge**

Counselling

Group sessions

Support for children

## **Repeat clients**

On average, a woman will leave an abusive relationship 5 - 7 times before she leaves for good.

Leaving is the most dangerous time for women in abusive relationships.



# WOMEN'S REFUGE

# REASONS WOMEN RETURN TO ABUSER

Exiting the relationship is most unsafe time for a victim. As the abuser senses that they're losing power, they will often act in dangerous ways to regain control over their victim.

Abuse victims will "leave out of either fear, anger or resentment," he said. "But then, after the fear, anger or resentment begins to subside, they feel guilt, shame, anxiety, and that takes them back."

After a violent incident, there is often a "honeymoon period" during which the abuser may apologize profusely, give the victim gifts and persuade the victim to stay, experts say. But when that period is over, the abuser may once again become violent



**WOMEN'S REFUGE**



# THE SAFE HOUSE



AT RISK



WOMEN'S REFUGE

# THE VICTIM

- Grief & Loss
- Guilt
- Confusion
- Anger
- Fear

# THE ABUSER

- Hurt Pride
- Loss of Control
- Anger
- Loss of Mana



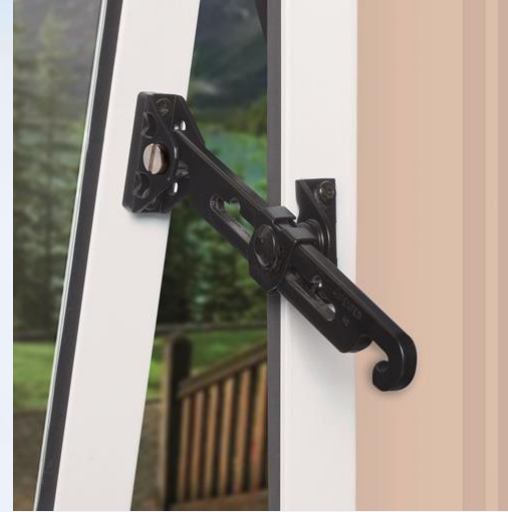
**WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# RECENT STORY



**WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# SAFE HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS



**WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# SOLUTION - ELECTRIC GATE



**WOMEN'S REFUGE**

# HELPING AS AN INDIVIDUAL

- BE A COLLECTOR FOR OUR ANNUAL APPEAL (July)
- DONATE A SMALL MONTHLY AMOUNT
- DONATE
  - SNAPPER CARDS WITH FUNDS ON
  - PETROL VOUCHERS
  - POWDERED / LONG LIFE MILK
- VOLUNTEER
  - CRISIS LINE – Evenings / Weekends
  - 1 OR ½ DAY A WEEK – at the Office



WOMEN'S REFUGE