

Glossary

01. Activist	An especially active, vigorous advocate of a cause, esp. a political cause.
02. Appeal	To take (a lower court's decision) before a higher court for review
03. Arrest	To take or hold a suspected criminal with legal authority, as by a law enforcement officer.
04. Assault	The threat or attempt to strike another, whether successful or not, provided the target is aware of the danger. The assaulter must be reasonably capable of carrying through the attack.
05. Bail	The money or bond put up to secure the release of a person who has been charged with a crime. For minor crimes bail is usually set by a schedule which will show the amount to be paid before any court appearance (arraignment). For more serious crimes the amount of bail is set by the judge at the suspect's first court appearance.
06. Biological	With reference to origin, growth, reproduction, structure, and behavior.
07. Charge	In a criminal case, the specific statement of what crime the party is accused (charged with) contained in the indictment or criminal complaint.
08. Civil Action	Concerning, befitting, or applying to individual citizens or to citizens as a whole relating to private rights and to judicial proceedings in connection with them.
09. Compensate	Damages recovered in payment for actual injury or economic loss, which does not include punitive damages (as added damages due to malicious or grossly negligent action).
10. Convicted	To find guilty of a crime after a trial
11. Damages	The amount of money which a plaintiff (the person suing) may be awarded in a lawsuit.
12. Degrading	To lower in dignity or estimation

13. Discrimination	Treatment or consideration of, or making a distinction in favor of or against, a person or thing based on the group, class, or category to which that person or thing belongs rather than on individual merit: racial and religious intolerance and discrimination.
14. Dismiss	Rejected by the court
15. Eviction order	Court order telling someone to leave the place where they live
16. Fundamental human right	One of the most important rights everyone has just because they are a human being
17. Gender	The condition of being male or female
18. Gender inequality	Male and females not being treated equally
19. Gender roles	How men and women are supposed to act
20. Indicted	To charge with an offence or crime
21. Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction determines which court system should properly adjudicate a case. Questions of jurisdiction also arise regarding quasi-judicial bodies (as administrative agencies) in their decision-making capacities
22. Maintenance	Any order for the payment, including the periodical payment, of sums of money towards the maintenance of any person issued by any court in the Republic, and includes, except for the purposes of section 31, any sentence suspended on condition that the convicted person make payments of sums of money towards the maintenance of any other person.
23. Maintenance order	The law provides that you have to support your wife and children according to their needs and your means
24. Marital rape	When someone is raped by someone they are married to
25. Masculinity	Qualities or characteristic of a man
26. Parole hearing	A meeting where people consider letting someone who is in prison be released on the condition that they behave in a certain way.
27. Perpetrator	The person who commits the crime eg rapist

28. Prescribed minimum sentence	This is when the law provides the least amount of years you can be sent to jail for a specific crime .
30. psychological	How something makes your mind feel or act
31. Sentence	The number of years a criminal spend in prison
32. Sexual penetration	When an object or penis enters the vagina , anus or mouth
33. State	The government and people who represent the
34. Stigma	A negative idea or attitude towards something
35. vicariously liable	Held responsible for something someone who works for you has done
36. Victim	A person who suffers because of a crime
37. Witness protection program	A program where people whose lives are in danger are placed in a safe place for them not to be found by the person who is trying to hurt them

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This manual is designed to assist the facilitator in structuring a comprehensive and informative discussion about Women, Violence and the Law. The manual is to be used to educate communities about gender based violence and the rights associated with this problem. It is best utilised alongside the educational documentary *A Country For My Daughter* - a film by Lucilla Blankenberg.



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