

Legislation	Coverage
<p>Women's Charter (Part VII, Chapter 353) Section 64</p>	<p>Family violence means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. wilfully or knowingly placing, or attempting to place, a family member in fear or hurt; b. causing hurt to a family member by such act which is known or ought to have been known would result in hurt; c. wrongfully confining or restraining a family member against his will; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. causing continual harassment with intent to cause or knowing that it is likely to cause anguish to a family member <p>but does not include any force lawfully used in self-defence, or by way of correction towards a child below 21 years of age.</p> <p>Family member means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a spouse or former spouse; b. a child of the person including an adopted child and a step-child; c. a father or mother of the person; d. a father-in-law or mother-in-law of the person; e. a brother or sister of the person; f. a relative or incapacitated person who in the opinion of the Court should be regarded as a family member. <p>In the case of an incapacitated person or a child below the age of 21, an application for a PO may be made by a guardian, relative or person responsible for the incapacitated person or the child or by any person appointed by the Minister.</p>
<p>Section 65</p>	<p>A family member as defined in the above section can apply for a <i>Protection Order</i>. (PO)</p> <p>If the Court is satisfied that family violence has been committed or the victim is at risk of family violence, the Court may issue a Protection Order to restrain the abuser from using family violence. The <i>Expedited Order</i> (EO) is given when the court is satisfied that there is imminent danger of family violence being committed.</p> <p>Along with the Protection Order, the Court may also make the following orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Domestic Exclusion Order</i> (DEO) which grants the right of exclusive occupation of the shared residence or a specified part of the shared residence to any protected person by excluding the abuser from the shared residence or specified part; and b. <i>Counselling Order</i> which refers the abuser or the protected person or both, or their children to attend counselling.