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In my experience Intervention Orders don't work .

In my case the perpetrator knew he could walk into my home , stand about 2 inches from my nose and bully me by saying "go on, ring the police and get them here to chuck me out ". I knew very well if I did ring the police whilst he was here and they arrived, the tantrum and screaming from him would upset the kids further and turn the street into embarrassing uproar so I would ring them after he left and was told that was too late.

Men who have IVOs on them usually think they are above the law. My husband told me he wasn't going to take any notice of that legal shit. He was sent to a mens group for anger management but said he wasn't like all those losers, so he only went twice. He never took responsibility for his behaviour.

I have not lived with my husband for [REDACTED] years, but he still thought he could control and own me. He died last year and finally I have peace of mind after [REDACTED] years of hell. I believe most think they still own you, because you were once married to them, and have their children.

I do not have any answers, leopards don't change their spots. Living in this hell makes it impossible to see clearly the life you have insidiously been landed with, until you are up to your neck in it with family etc.

I am thankful [REDACTED] Council subsidised a course for Domestic Violence victims, which taught me how to regain my life. The police were also fantastic to me and the children.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell my story.

By the way, I am a qualified [REDACTED] and I didn't even know that I was in a violent relationship. A Family Counsellor enlightened me after I told her I was not being physically assaulted. I had no idea of other forms of D V that are out there.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]