

Every fourth woman in Germany.....

suffers from violence inflicted by her partner or has experienced violence in a previous partnership.

The forms of violence are diverse:

physical violence (shoving, hitting, kicking, threats with weapons)

psychological violence (intimidation, humiliation, insults, threats, destruction of possessions)

sexual violence (forced to perform sexual acts)

social/financial violence (forbiddance of social contacts, denigration in front of others, control, refusal to provide money)

Every year, about 45,000 women with their children take refuge in *Frauenhäuser* (women's shelters) in Germany.

The *Frauenhaus* (women's shelter) in Göttingen.....

is an anonymous place of refuge for women affected by violence and their children. For safety reasons, the address is confidential.

Women who are in need of shelter can call us: 0551/ 52 11 800. We arrange a meeting place and pick them up from there.

We can be reached daily, including weekends and holidays.

We offer advice, attendance and support.....

in crisis situations

in sorting out the financial situation

in dealing with public authorities

concerning separation, divorce, child custody, right of residence, legal measures for protection against violence

in searching a job and accommodation

in coping with everyday life

in critical revision of situations of violence experienced

In our work, we are committed to partiality towards the women and their children and approach the matters from the point of the individuals' needs.

In our work, we are bound to professional discretion.

At the *Frauenhaus*.....

every woman with her children gets a separate room. Kitchens, bathrooms, common rooms, playrooms and the garden are available to all inhabitants and children. Every woman makes arrangements for her daily activities autonomously. She takes care of herself and her children and organises her own household.

Coexistence in the house is arranged in regular meetings.

Every inhabitant takes on certain tasks for the house community.

Children are also always affected.....

by violence against their mothers. Often, they have experienced, listened to, seen the abuse or have become victims of violence themselves. For the individual needs of girls and boys, we offer:

regular support

leisure activities

support in finding a new school or kindergarten

critical revision of situations of violence experienced

arrangement of follow-up support offers

consultation for mothers

We also provide consultation and information to.....

women considering to stay at the *Frauenhaus*;

acquaintances, friends, relations, neighbours and other persons who are concerned about women affected by violence and their children;

as well as persons who in the course of their professional activities encounter the topic of 'violence against women'.

The consultations take place at our branch office upon prior arrangement (phone: 0551/ 52 11 800)

We cooperate closely with other women's projects and advice centres and if required or upon request can arrange contact to these.

For interested groups, we offer information seminars.