Recognising Homes as Safe Space...

Who is Covered

Any Woman:
- Mother/Mother-in-law
- Wife
- Daughter/ Daughter-in-law
- Sister/Sister-in-law
- Women in live-in relationships

Violation of safe space

Physical
- Beating, Slapping, Hitting, Biting, Kicking, punching, pushing, shaving, causing bodily pain or injury in any other manner

Sexual
- Forced Sexual Intercourse, Child Sexual abuse: forcing one to look at obscene material; any act of sexual nature to abuse, humiliate or violate a woman's dignity; or any other unwelcome sexual conduct

Economic
- Not providing money for maintenance, food, clothes, medicines etc.; preventing employment; taking away income; forcing one out of the house; preventing access to any part of the house or use of household articles; not paying rent if staying in a rented accommodation

Emotional
- Name Calling: Accusation on character or conduct; insult for not having a child or a male child; Not bringing dowry; Preventing education, employment, mobility, meeting with people, Forced marriage; threat to commit suicide or other verbal abuse

What Kind of Protection

Medical Assistance
- Right to Residence
- Financial Assistance
- Legal Assistance
- Family Counselling
- Protection from Respondent
- Temporary Shelter and Child Care

How to seek Protection

Complaints through Protection Officers
Protection through Police and Judiciary
Official Orders

Source: The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005

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