

Stichting Wendé is an organisation that provides sheltered accommodation for women and men in The Hague, Zoetermeer, and the surrounding region. The organisation has many years of experience and expertise in offering easy-access women's shelters, men's shelters, prevention, information and advice, field support, and temporary refuge from domestic violence. Stichting Wendé is an approved provider under the AWBZ (Exceptional Medical Expenses Act) and HKZ certified.



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Assisted return

For women who want to resolve the problem of domestic violence together
with their partner



070 392 57 74

call: on weekdays between 9.00 en 17.00 hours
in crisis situations: 7 days per week, 24 hours per day

Who do we help?

Do you have to deal with domestic violence? Do you want the violence to stop, but not the relationship?

Stichting Wende offers a solution for women who have been the victims of domestic violence and who want to try to continue or repair their relationship together with their partner, but without the violence. The 'assisted return' service is for:

- Women who want to resolve the problem of domestic violence together with their partner.
- Women who have temporarily left their partner, but who would like to go back.
- Women who are still living with their partner and who want the violence to stop.

What is 'assisted return'?

It can be difficult to talk about domestic violence. You might be frightened to get help because you are afraid your relationship will then end. And you don't want that. Stichting Wende creates the opportunity for you to discuss domestic violence by holding intensive counselling sessions with you and your partner. By discussing the situation, it becomes clear why somebody becomes violent and what causes it. In many cases, the violent person is also unhappy with the situation.

By discussing the situation with a counsellor, both the woman and man can explain their side of the story and try and find a solution to the problem of violence within the relationship. The aim of 'assisted return' is to help you live together as a couple, but without the violence.

What do you talk about in the counselling sessions?

When you register for the service, an appointment will be made for you with a counsellor. You can tell the counsellor about the type of violence, how often, and when the violence occurs. Later on, your partner can also take part in the counselling sessions. If it is clear that you both want the violence to stop and want to get help, and then the counsellor will help you to discuss the situation with each other.

Depending on your situation, the following subjects might be discussed:

- The type of violence that occurs, how often, and when.
- How you can prevent violent outbursts from happening.
- The normal standards of behaviour that apply in your family.
- Who you can turn to if problems arise in the future.
- What measures need to be taken to make sure you and your children are safe.

If necessary, the counsellor can discuss the situation with your children.

Help for both partners

The aim of the counselling sessions is to give you the opportunity to you to discuss the domestic violence and understand the root cause of the violence. The counsellor is there to help both partners. That is why it is important that both the man and the woman want the violence to stop, and are both prepared to talk openly and honestly with each other about the situation.

Going back home

If you are temporarily living somewhere else, then after a number of sessions an assessment is made to see if it is safe for you to return home to your partner. Sometimes it is better not to move straight back in, but to take it gradually one step at a time. Arrangements will also be made so you know what to do if something goes wrong.

Temporary accommodation

Are you unable to go home, but would you like to work on a solution? Then Stichting Wende can offer temporary accommodation in an apartment. You will be able to stay there for around 10 to 12 weeks, with your children if necessary. The 'assisted return' programme will start during this period, and you can discuss the situation with a counsellor from Stichting Wende. We can then decide if it is safe for you to return home to your partner.

Contact

Would you like to join the 'assisted return' programme? Call the Advice and Intake Bureau to make an appointment. Telephone number **070 392 57 74** (on weekdays between 9.00 and 17.00 hours)