

## ODPP Policy on Victims

- A Victim is a person who has suffered harm either as a direct result of an unlawful act or as an immediate family member, or dependent, of the direct victim.
- The ODPP will assist in protecting a victim's privacy as far as possible.
- The ODPP will treat victims with courtesy, compassion & respect.
- A Prosecutor will hold a conference with a victim before he or she gives evidence in court. The purpose of the conference is to explain the prosecution process and the role of the witness.
- A Prosecutor will seek and consider the views of the victim when making decisions about charges and prosecutions, however the views of the victims are not determinative.

### ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) was established Pursuant to Section 91 of the Constitution of Solomon. It was established to start, undertake criminal proceedings against any accused person before any court, take over and continue any criminal proceedings that have been instituted or undertaken by any other person or authority; and to discontinue any criminal proceedings undertaken by himself or any other person. The office acts as lawyer for victims and complainants in criminal cases.

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**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
LAWS &  
PROSECUTION PROCESS**

## Women Do Not Have to Put Up With Being Hurt.

### If your partner deliberately:

1. Injures you;
2. Intimidates or harasses you;
3. Indecently touches you without your consent;
4. Has sexual intercourse with you without your consent; or
5. Damages your property.

**You are a victim of domestic violence and can get protection from the law.**

## Criminal Laws that protect Women in Our Society

1. Common Assault
2. Assault causing Grievous Harm &/or Bodily Harm
3. Intimidation
4. Indecent Assault
5. Rape
6. Defilement
7. Family Protection Act

## If You Are a Victim of Domestic Violence it is Okay to Report it.

"...study in the Solomon Islands reported 64% of women reported experiencing physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner, and one in two women reported being raped by their partner"

( Source: Solomon Times Online -03.08.2011)

### How to Report Domestic Abuse

- Contact the Police in person; or
- Phone: 677 23800



### Legal Process after Complaint Has Been

### Made

