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	You should try the Family Court instead of us He seems like a good dad We don't believe you	
	You can't move away to safety & support because he needs to have access to the children He might be abusive to you but he is a good dad	
	You have to work full time – even if you can't because of trauma We can't give you money for security products We can't fund children's therapy	
	It's up to you to keep the abuser away without help – or we're taking the kids from you We don't believe you	
	There's no housing available, you'll have to stay with him You're responsible for fixing the window he smashed coz your name is on the contract	
	You are not entitled to any child support as we believe him when he says he earns under the threshold You must pay the abuser child support because you have Family Court ordered shared care of the children.	
	You don't qualify for ACC sensitive claims because it's not physical violence or sexual assault There is a 6 month waiting list for counselling and therapy.	



Catch-22: When victim-survivors seek protection from authorities for family violence



Effects of system abuse

If authorities minimise or do not believe a victim-survivor's disclosure of abuse, the consequences include:



Result: violence increases & spreads, victim-survivor lives in lifelong fear without possibility for reprieve

The opposite

Our vision: how victim-survivors need authorities to respond to their disclosure



Result: Victim-survivor (and children) can safely move on with their lives and reach their full potential; further violence is prevented.

The abuser's voice is loud, persistent and persuasive

