



UK

## MIGRANT WOMEN

### Demanding protection from domestic abuse

Migrant women find it virtually impossible to access protection if they experience domestic abuse. Many are blocked from accessing public funds and are turned away from life-saving refuges. And many are too scared to report the violence to the police or other services, for fear of being detained or deported. The fear is founded in reality: last year, 60 per cent of UK police forces admitted they referred victims of crime to the Home Office for immigration purposes.

The UK government has promised to reform the law on protection from domestic abuse, but its draft legislation fails to protect migrant women. Amnesty is campaigning with the Step Up Migrant Women coalition to ensure that migrant women affected by domestic abuse have equal access to protection and support.

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### EVERY MESSAGE COUNTS

Together we can help ensure protection for all survivors of domestic abuse to live with dignity

#### SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Migrant Women  
c/o Amnesty International UK  
The Human Rights Action Centre  
17-25 New Inn Yard  
London EC2A 3EA

**Language** English, Portuguese or Spanish

**Suggested message** We support equal rights and equal protection for women, wherever they come from.

**Creative action** You can use the colour purple in your letter or card: it is often used in campaigns to end violence against women and girls.

#### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message? No
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? Yes
- Include my name and address? No

#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Ask the Home Secretary to ensure that migrant women have access to protection from domestic abuse.

**Write to** Migrant Women Campaign  
c/o Amnesty International UK  
The Human Rights Action Centre  
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*We will deliver all the letters to the Home Office.*

**Salutation** Dear Home Secretary

**In your letter tell the Home Secretary**

- The UK government must give equal protection to all survivors of domestic abuse
- Migrant survivors must be able to access the specialist services they need in a safe environment and free from discrimination.

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