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An important aspect of countering violence are women's refuges.

The principles of feminist work in women's refuges are:

- Openness
- Anonymity
- Respect and partiality
- Support to aid self-help
- Women supporting women
- Extensive public relations

Methods of approach in working with women who are victims of violence encompass:

- Individual consultation with each and every women in relation to her wishes, conceptions and aims in life
- Helping her to deal with the relationship with violent male and female partners: support in distancing victims from abusers
- Support in implementing legal rights and improving the material situation
- Group processes for democracy, freedom from violence, anti-racism
- Focus on empowerment process; learning in forward, backward and supplementary steps; expanding the scope for thought and action

At the initiative of the 2nd autonomous women's refuge, the autonomous refuge for girls was set up in 1989 and remained in existence until 2004.

The "Wild Water" association was set up in 1982 by a self-help group of victims of violence.

**Love, thug, women's quarters,
abusers get their marching orders!**