

Police Involvement

The police were called numerous times by neighbours, and by myself. And essentially some of those times there were warnings. Other times my ex-partner was asked to leave the property, and essentially there were times where he was arrested and charged. The very last incident I was hit in the face with a closed fist and suffered a severely fractured nose and cheek bone and was hospitalized for quite a period of time. I wasn't economically, financially independent at that point and time so there are a lot of reasons not to make any kinds of complaints. Once I was in a position to be able to support myself, support my children, I did consider going to police. I was afraid that it wouldn't be taken seriously, at times. For me, I think again, because my safety appeared to be ascertained at that point I was living on my own, I was economically independent of this person so it didn't, It wouldn't appear to be your typical abuse victim, or fit that profile. So post separation I did go to police, I was concerned, there were threatening emails, threatening messages on Facebook, I was concerned for my safety. I feel like it was minimized. I appeared self-sufficient, I feel like I appeared capable, maybe, and I can't speak for them, but you know in retrospect it feels like I look like maybe I could take care of myself. I appeared at the police station and said: This is what I am experiencing, I was able to articulate what I was experiencing and even though he wasn't in my home, I felt like it wasn't taken seriously.