

“We welcome [this consultation](#) and the recognition within it that women and their children (if any) face the double injustice of experiencing domestic abuse, and then too often being forced to leave their home, their belongings and even their communities to keep themselves safe. This simply isn't fair.

“When we know that more women make a homelessness application because of domestic abuse than for any other reason, it's clear that the protective measures currently in place to prevent this simply aren't effective enough. As one woman involved in the Change, Justice Fairness research report on women's homelessness said:

“Why should we have to move everywhere and everything because of him?”

This consultation could open the door to Scotland adopting a bold response – one which women and children deserve – and one which is robust in its offering of equal, immediate and free protection of those who need it most.

“Too often women are asked why they don't just leave, but the reality is many women face poverty, isolation, homelessness and heightened risk to life after leaving; there is no 'just' about it. And there is certainly no justice in women and children being made homeless through domestic abuse. It's time for Scotland to do better.”

– Marsha Scott, Scottish Women's Aid

Read the Change, Justice, Fairness report on women, homelessness and domestic abuse [here](#).
Read our response to Stage 3 of the Domestic Abuse Bill, including our views on Emergency Barring Orders, [here](#).
Read our briefing for the homelessness debate and our calls for a National Inquiry into women's homelessness [here](#).

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