

# Bulgaria - Intimate Partner Violence

In Bulgaria, intimate partner violence is included under "domestic violence": any act of physical, mental, sexual, emotional or economic violence and any attempted such violence, as well as the forcible restriction of individual freedom and rights and of private life, carried out against individuals who have kinship ties, who have or have had family relation or are or were cohabiting partners. In addition any act of domestic violence in presence of a child is considered mental and emotional violence against him/her.

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## Legal provisions on protection orders

Law on Protection against Domestic Violence 2005, Chapter 2

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## Legal Source

Law on Protection against Domestic Violence 2005, Article 2 and Criminal Code, Article 296, Paragraph 1 (punishment for noncompliance with a protection order against domestic violence, issued by the court under the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence)