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Yes, there is legislation in place. However the legislation takes time to evict abusers and often money. In the meantime the abuser continues to live within the property and continues there abuse. It is unreasonable for the victims to continue to be exposed to that abuse. It is also unreasonable that the victims should be further discriminated and victimised by being forced to move out of the accommodation and make themselves homeless. That is extremely important when children are involved in the situation of domestic abuse. Their lives and schooling are severely compromised. In many such cases the children can end up being taken into care. For the elderly the continued abuse, especially if they are house bound carries on with no respite. Strange as it may seem to some, many of the victims have no access to police or other services because of the threat of violence, fear of further actions or they simply do not have phones or a means of contacting the services they require.