

Forced Marriage Protection Fact Sheet

What is a Forced Marriage Protection Order?

Forced marriage is a form of domestic violence and child abuse. In a forced marriage, the victim is pressured into marrying someone against their will. They may be physically threatened or emotionally blackmailed to do so. It is an abuse of your human right and cannot be justified on any religious or cultural basis. It is an issue that unfortunately can affect a lot of people but there is help to hand.

What should I do if I am being forced to marry someone?

If you are being or were pressured by threat or coercion, from family or others, to marry someone without your consent, this may well constitute forced marriage. It is a violation of your human rights. This is an internationally recognised standard and at GT Stewart Solicitors we can help you regain your freedom.

The Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 became law in 2008. This allows family courts to make Forced Marriage Protection Orders to protect someone from being forced into a marriage.

An Order can also be made to protect someone who has already been forced into marriage to help remove them from the situation.

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