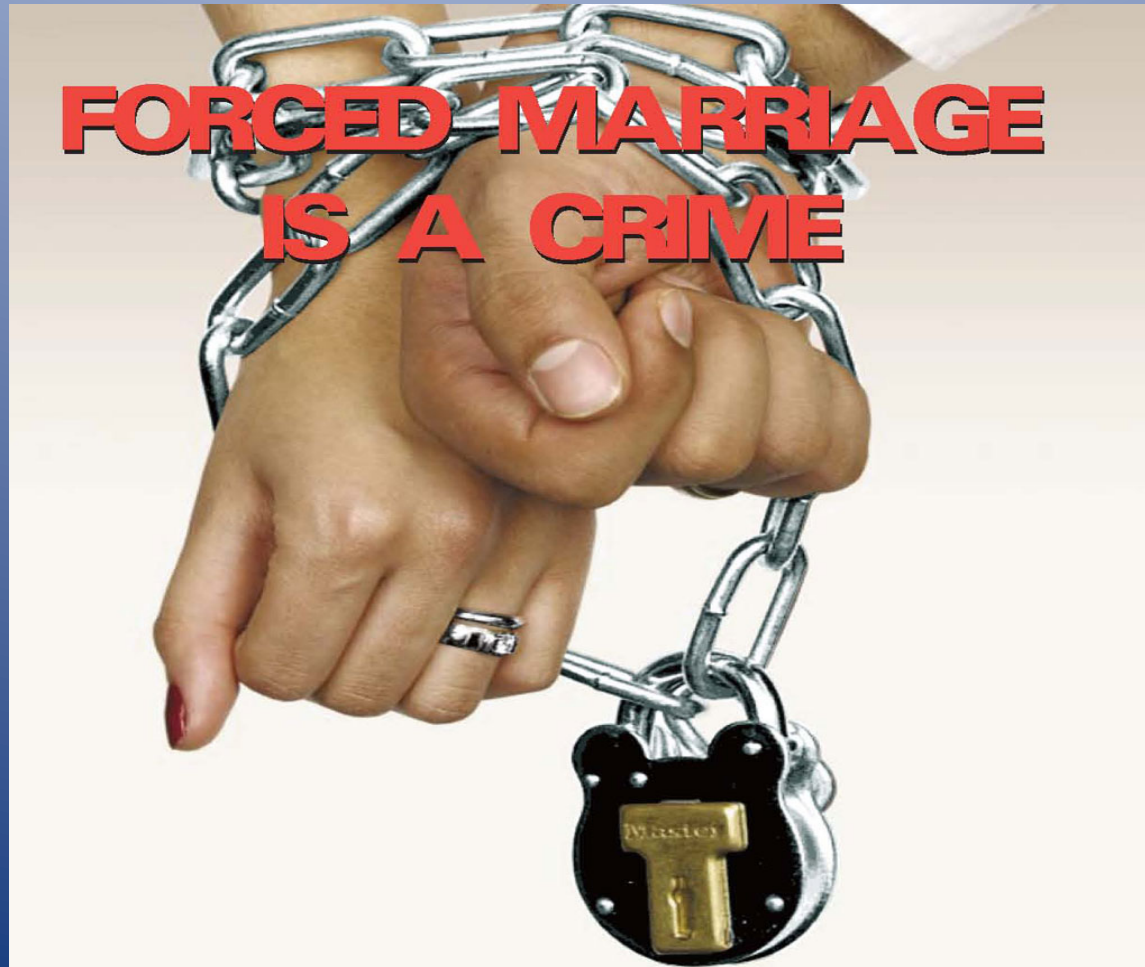


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- **Forced marriage** is a **marriage** in which one or both of the parties is **married** without his or her consent or against his or her will.
- **Forced marriage** is NOT the same as an **arranged marriage**

FORCED MARRIAGE

- WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?:
- CONTROL
- CULTURAL IDEALS
- PROTECT THEIR RELIGION
- PREVENT GAY OR LESBIAN RELATIONSHIPS
- FAMILY 'HONOUR'
- ASSIST CLAIMS FOR RESIDENCE

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- Previously, courts have only been able to issue civil orders to prevent victims being forced into marriage.
- From June 2014, parents who force their children to marry can be punished by up to seven years in prison.

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- **Force marriage offences**
- Taking someone overseas to force them to marry.
- Marrying someone who lacks the mental capacity to consent to the marriage (whether they're pressured to or not)
- **IT IS ILLEGAL SO YOU CAN CONTACT THE POLICE**
- **Forced Marriage Unit**
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Out of hours: 020 7008 1500 (ask for the Global Response Centre)