# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

**Femmes For Freedom** 

**FORCED MARRIAGE** 



**Forced marriage** is forcing a partner to a religious (informal) or civil marriage against the will of one or both partners.

#### **MARITAL CAPTIVITY**



**Marital captivity** means that women are forced against their will to remain married in a religious marriage. It is possible that they did enter the marriage voluntarily.

### **MARITAL EXPLOITATION**



Marital exploitation or forced isolation refers to a situation in which a woman's freedom of movement is restricted. They are not allowed to leave the house, or are not allowed to do so alone. They are forced to care for their partner and/or family in law. Victims are called hidden women.

## EXAMPLE



Yasmeen (25 years) is a marriage migrant from Pakistan who married voluntarily and also wanted to remain married. In the Netherlands however, she was abused and forced to perform household chores. In this case, we cannot speak of forced marriage or marital captivity, but we can identify it as marital exploitation.

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