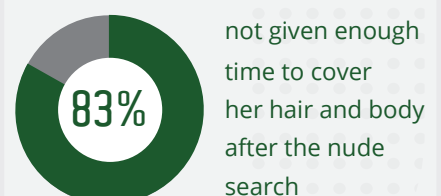
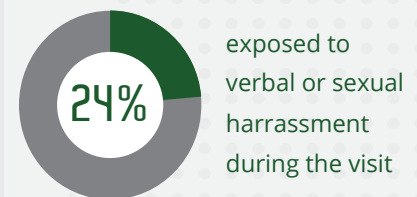
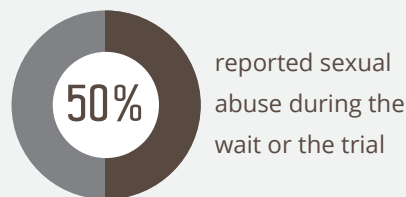
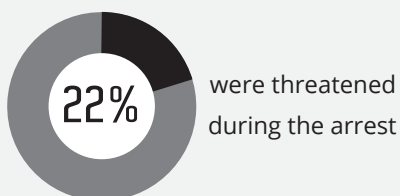
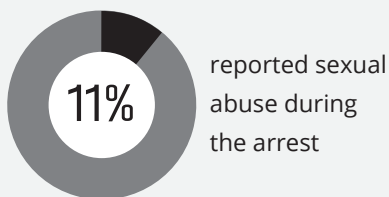
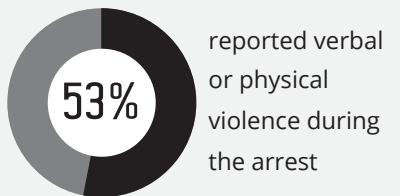


Families Detained

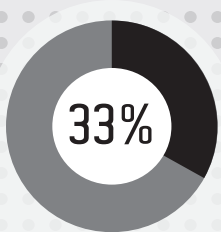
How Arrest, Detention, and Imprisonment of Sons and Spouses Harm Women under Occupation

In 2013 the **Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI)** conducted a research focusing on Palestinian women in Hebron whose family members were arrested or detained. The research, directed by Dr. Tamar Lavi, examined both the direct exposure of these women to violence and ill-treatment and their mental adjustment after the arrest. The field study shows evidence of substantial direct exposure to violence of the family members at all stages, from the arrest through the trial to the visits in the detention centres. Professional literature recognizes that traumatic events can have long-term and severe psychological repercussions both on the direct victims and on the family members of the trauma victims. **Family members are exposed to secondary traumatization.** Although this is widely known in other cases, there is no research documenting the mental adjustment of mothers and wives of detainees and prisoners.

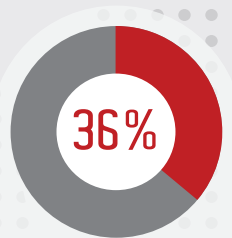
Direct exposure of women to violence or humiliation by the Israeli security forces during the arrest, trial and prison visits



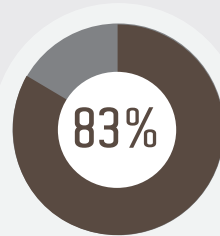
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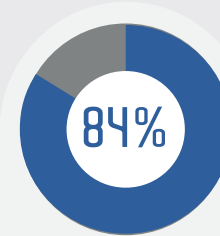
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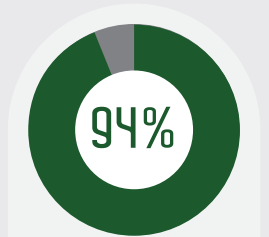
reported deterioration in the physical situation



reported deterioration in the sleep habits



rate of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder* among the women



reported decreased functioning as mothers, wives, inter-personal relations and the ability to enjoy leisure activities



* according to DSM IV. criteria

The research was funded by **Kvinna till Kvinna** and included 36 women, 31 of whom are mothers of the prisoners / detainees. Of the 36 detained men, only 8 (22.9%) were sentenced to 6 months or longer, suggesting that most of the arrests were routine and for minor infractions.

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Read the full research at <http://www.stoptorture.org.il/en/women>