

## **New Domestic Violence Leaflet ‘Supporting a friend or relative’**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/domestic-violence-leaflet/domestic-violence-leaflet1?>

On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009, the Home Secretary launched a new leaflet with information on how to support a friend or relative who is in a violent relationship. The Supporting a Friend or Relative leaflet explains how you can recognise if someone you know is suffering from domestic violence and what practical support is available in order to help them.

The Home Office has been working with British Banker’s Association and the leaflet provides information about additional banking support for victims. The new measures will allow victims to open an independent account without the usual requirements for multiple proof of identity or address.

It is hoped that the new information about how the banks can support victims, even if it’s just by offering to discuss personal and sensitive financial matters privately or explaining that they will accept non-traditional forms of ID when you need to open a new account, will enable more women to feel they can take their first step towards breaking away from their abusers.