**Literature review**

When battered women use violence Husband abuse or self-defense?

In this research paper the definition of self-defense is clearly stated by Daniel G. Saunders, as the person who is not an attacker in an encounter is acceptable in using a reasonable amount of force against his opposition when he reasonably believes **(1) that he is in imminent risk of illegal bodily harm from other person, and (2) that the use of such force is required to escape this risk.** He stated that, the self-defense is conflicting concept or that the serious violence in response to minor violence cannot be called self-defense. However, in many cases victims use more severe violence than their attackers. Moreover, it seems reasonable to assume that, victims of battery or sexual abuse who protect themselves from fatal or nonfatal attacks to combine anger with their fear. Thus, excessive force may be used by women who have come to know their husbands conduct and have experienced many beating as well as she could able to maintain a strong claim of self-defense based on the immediate force used by him. Nevertheless, when the women and husband lives together most jurisdictions accepted that one should not have to escape ones own home to seek safety.