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Security, discipline and being a ‘good man’

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He's a *bikhet* boy, *bikhet stret*. Like, he drinks a lot and he influences others to be like him; when he goes to Rabaul he goes around with street boys and they all cause trouble ... He has no respect for the bigman or the elders inside the community. People hate him for it, for his attitude ...

But the thing is, whatever you do, you have to face the consequences. So one time, this boy went back home and everyone beat him up. It was big, he was even cut with a knife and got admitted to the *haus sik*. When he came out of the hospital, he'd changed. He was a good boy again.

(Group discussion with Kokopo Security Guards).

Meri i olsem, skin bilong em i no strong. Mipla man olsem, skin bilong mipela em strong (*Women's skin is weak. Us men, our skin is tough*)

What if you beat your wife and she dies or is injured? Who'll look after the kids? Like, if we were married and I beat you up and broke your ribs, I won't have a woman to cook for me, I'll have to do all the work because you're dead or your hand is broken and so it's hard to wash clothes, things like that.

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