

Men's Family Violence quick reference guide



The Law in Australia

It is against the law to be hurt by any member of your family, including your spouse, partner, children and in-laws. This is called family violence.

Family violence includes:

- Any type of physical violence, such as slapping or punching
- Forcing someone to do sexual things, even if you are married
- Making threats or calling names
- Controlling contact with people outside the family
- Denying someone access to money
- Children witnessing this abuse

When family violence happens, Police can issue a Safety Notice to remove a violent person from the home for up to 72 hours.

Family Violence Hurts Children Too

It is against the law for children to be hit, see or hear violence in the home.

Children and young people are scared by family violence.

Children have the right to feel safe and not live in fear.

Exposure to violence can cause long term harm to children.

What Can I Do?

In your family do you?

- Use physical Violence?
- Get angry and hurt members of your family?
- Force someone to do sexual things?
- Control their contact outside the family?
- Know the effect these behaviours have on your children?

Help is available.

TURN OVER FOR SERVICES IN YOUR AREA THAT MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU

For more info:

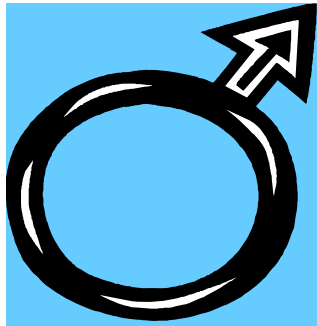
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Statewide Services Available

Men's Referral Service
1800 800 531 (9am–9pm)

Relationships Australia 5820 7444

Family Relationship Advice Line
1800 050 321

Victoria Legal Aid 9269 0120 / 1800 677 402

Court Support Network 1800 681 614

Telephone Interpreting Service
(24 hours) 131 450

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
1800 064 865 or 5831 5840

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and
Legal Service 1800 105 303

Lifeline (24 hours) 13 11 14

Directline (24 hour drug counselling)
1800 888 236

Parentline 132 289

Centrelink Access Line 13 17 94

Child Protection 1300 369 536 or
131 278 (after hours)

Kids Help Line 1800 551 800

1800 calls from mobiles charge at applicable rates

Strathbogrie Services

Men's Behaviour Change Program
Mitchell Community Health 5784 5555
1300 773 352 / 1800 015 188

Community Legal Service
Hume Riverina Community Legal
Centre 1800 918 377 or 6057 5000
Goulburn Valley Community Legal
Service 1800 639 121

Magistrate's Court
Benalla 5761 1400
Shepparton 5821 4633
Seymour 5735 0100

Housing Help
Rural Housing Network 5735 2000 or
1800 825 955 (after hours)

Community Health
Mitchell Community Health 5784 5555
5735 7655 or 5735 7689 (after hours)
Violet Town 5736 6366
Primary Care Connect 5823 3200
Family Care Shepparton 5823 7000

Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative
General 5820 0000
Family Services 5831 2010

Police Stations
Euroa 5795 2017
Nagambie 5794 2526
Violet Town 5798 1316

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