

Women's quick reference guide

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

Family violence includes:

- Any type of physical violence, such as slapping or punching
- Forcing you to do sexual things, even if you are married
- Making threats or calling you names
- Preventing you from having access to money without your permission.

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

Never believe the violence is your fault.

Services Available

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service

1800 015 188 (24 hours)

Centre Against Sexual Assault 1800 806 292 (24 hours)

InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

8413 6800 / 1800 755 988

Elizabeth Hoffman House Aboriginal Women's Service 9482 5744

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (VIC) 9244 3333 / 1800 105 303

Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service 9419 3888

Women's Legal Service Vic 9642 0877

Victoria Legal Aid 9269 0120 / 1800 677 402

Women's Information & Referral Exchange (WIRE)
1300 134 130

Family Relationship Advice Line 1800 050 321

Centrelink Access Line 13 17 94

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

Directline (24 hour drug counselling) 1800 888 236

Parentline 132 289

Lifeline (24 hours) 13 11 14

Men's Referral Service 9428 2899 / 1800 065 973

Melbourne Youth Support 9614 3688 or 1800 800 531

Kids Help Line 1800 551 800

Nillumbik Services

Berry Street Northern Region

Family Violence Service

9450 4700

1800 015 188 (after hours)

Community Legal Service

**Federation of Community
Legal Centres** 9652 1500

Magistrate's Court

Heidelberg 8458 2000

Housing Help (NEHS) 9479 0700

Community Health

Eltham 9431 1333

Hurstbridge 9430 9100

Child FIRST (Family Services)

9450 0955

Police Station (24 hours)

Eltham 9430 4500

For more info: www.wdvcs.org.au
www.dvrcv.org.au
www.familyviolence.vic.gov.au
www.legalaid.vic.gov.au