



Family Violence Service

Armadale Family Violence Service

Armadale Courthouse
109 Jull Street, Armadale WA 6112
Phone 9399 0722

Fremantle Family Violence Service

Fremantle Justice Complex
8 Holdsworth Street, Fremantle WA 6160
Phone 9431 0324
Fax 9335 9783

Joondalup Family Violence Service

Joondalup Courthouse
21 Reid Promenade, Joondalup WA 6027
Phone 9400 0707
Fax 9400 0728

Midland Family Violence Service

Midland Courthouse
24 Spring Park Road, Midland WA 6056
Phone 9250 0229
Fax 9274 6676

Perth Family Violence Service

Level 5, Central Law Courts
501 Hay Street, Perth WA 6000
Phone 9425 2459
Fax 9425 2465

Rockingham Family Violence Service

Rockingham Justice Complex
Whitfield Street, Rockingham WA 6168
Phone 9592 4018
Fax 9527 9280

Other useful services

WA Police (in an emergency dial 000) 131 444
Crisis Care 9223 1111
Women's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 007 339
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 000 599
Domestic Violence Legal Unit 9261 6254
Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support Central 9226 2370
Domestic Violence Children's Counselling Service 9328 1888
Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
Multicultural Women's Advocacy Service 9328 1200
Women's Information Service 6217 8230
Yorgum Aboriginal Counselling Service 9218 9477
Derbarl Yirrigan Health Service 9421 3888

CONTACT

Web www.dotag.wa.gov.au
Email fvs@justice.wa.gov.au
Victims of Crime www.victimsofcrime.wa.gov.au

In regional WA, victims of family violence can contact the nearest Victim Support & Child Witness Service office

Albany

Albany Courthouse
184 Stirling Terrace
ALBANY WA 6330
Phone 9845 5222

Geraldton

Geraldton Courthouse
Marine Terrace
GERALDTON WA 6530
Phone 9964 4816

Broome

Office 2, 9 Napier Street
BROOME WA 6725
Phone 9192 6575

Kalgoorlie

Goldfields Centrecare
7 Dugan Street
KALGOORLIE WA 6430
Phone 9091 1833

Bunbury

Ground Floor, Bunbury Courthouse
65 Wittenoom Street
BUNBURY WA 6230
Phone 9781 4294

Karratha

Karratha Courthouse
Balmoral Road
KARRATHA WA 6714
Phone 9143 1877

Carnarvon

2 Rushton Street
CARNARVON WA 6701
Phone 9941 4070

Kununurra

28 Banksia Street
KUNUNURRA WA 6743
Phone 9166 5000

Derby

Derby Courthouse
Loch Street
DERBY WA 6728
Phone 9191 2274

Northam

Northam Courthouse
118 Wellington Street
NORTHAM WA 6401
Phone 9622 7017

Esperance

Esperance Courthouse
100 Dempster Street
ESPERANCE WA 6450
Phone 9071 6318

Port Hedland

South Hedland Justice Complex
Hawke Place
SOUTH HEDLAND WA 6722
Phone 9172 9307

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Family and domestic violence is any behaviour displayed by a family member or partner that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or unsafe. It is not just about being physically hurt, it may also involve being intimidated, constantly criticised, threatened or forced to do things you don't want to do.



Types of abuse

There are a number of different types of abuse.

Emotional abuse is when your partner or family member:

- blames you for their behaviour
- constantly puts you down or criticises you
- threatens to commit suicide if you leave the relationship
- threatens to kill you.

Social abuse is when your partner or family member:

- prevents you from seeing your friends and family
- makes you feel guilty about going to work or socialising
- constantly checks where you are.

Financial abuse is when your partner takes control of your financial affairs when you do not want them to, preventing you from having access to money.

Sexual abuse is when you are made to do sexual things that you don't want to do. Forcing you to have sex is a criminal offence, even if you are married.

Stalking is when someone follows you around or repeatedly tries to contact you, even if you've said you do not want this. This includes sending numerous text and/or email messages.

Physical abuse includes pushing, hitting, throwing objects or threatening to physically harm you, other people or pets.

The effects of abuse

If you have been in an abusive relationship you may feel:

- afraid to tell anyone
- worried that it's your fault
- depressed and alone
- confused
- scared of coping on your own
- scared it will get worse if you leave
- worried about what others will think
- afraid that no-one will believe you
- frustrated and sad because you've tried everything.

The effects of abuse on children

Children are also affected if they live in a home where there is abuse. Remember, you are not to blame for the abuse. You have a right to feel safe and to live a life free from intimidation and fear.

Who do we help?

The Family Violence Service is a section of the Department of the Attorney General's Victim Support and Child Witness Service. We provide information

and support to people who have experienced or are affected by family and domestic violence.

We help people talk about how to deal with violence in intimate or family relationships.

Our services are available to people who are:

- married or defacto (past and present)
- partners, either living together or not
- in same sex relationships
- family members
- being mistreated by carers.

What help is available?

The Family Violence Service is a free and confidential service. Our staff can help you:

- talk about your specific situation and the options available to you
- assess the risk of further violence to you
- develop a safety plan
- apply for a violence restraining order
- prepare you to attend court and have someone at court to support you
- obtain information about ongoing court matters
- complete court-related documents
- access other services that you may need such as counselling, police, legal assistance, medical care or other help agencies.