

# **Do you have fears for your safety while attending court?**

The courts place a priority on safety and can assist with the safety of you and your family when attending court.



# If you have any concerns for your safety, it is important you let the courts know at least five days before your court event.

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Court staff will ask you a few questions and discuss what arrangements are needed to enable you to participate in court events safely.

If there is an existing family violence order, you should provide a copy to the courts as soon as possible.

## Contact the courts

- Live Chat at



[www.familycourt.gov.au](http://www.familycourt.gov.au) or  
[www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au](http://www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au)

- Email [enquiries@familylawcourts.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@familylawcourts.gov.au) or
- Call **1300 352 000**

If you have concerns about your safety outside the courts or any questions about family violence, contact:

- the police
- your lawyer, or
- one of the services listed in this brochure.

Some aspects of family violence may be a criminal offence and you may need to report these to police or child protection authorities.

## Family Violence Law Help

Family Violence Law Help is a website by National Legal Aid for people affected by domestic and family violence. It was set up to promote each state and territory's Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) and to provide information and links to get help.

[www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au](http://www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au)

## Family Advocacy and Support Service

FASS combines free legal advice and support at court for people affected by domestic and family violence and runs in each Australian state and territory.

If you are worried about your safety at court or about going to court, please talk to your local FASS before your court date.

[www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/fass](http://www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/fass)

**For more information about how the courts deal with family violence go to:  
[www.familycourt.gov.au](http://www.familycourt.gov.au) or  
[www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au](http://www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au)**

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If you are experiencing or have experienced domestic and family violence and want to talk to someone, visit

**[www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/get-help](http://www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/get-help)**

to find services that may be able to help you. Everyone has a right to feel safe and to live free from violence.

## Further assistance

### NATIONAL

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| Police (Emergency)                    | 000          |
| Police (Assistance)                   | 131 444      |
| 1800RESPECT<br>www.1800respect.org.au | 1800 737 732 |
| Mensline<br>www.mensline.org.au       | 1300 789 978 |

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| <b>ACT</b> | Domestic Violence Crisis Service | 02 6280 0900 |
|            | Victims Support ACT              | 1800 822 272 |

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| <b>NSW</b> | Domestic Violence Line  | 1800 656 463                 |
|            | Victims Services NSW  |                              |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victims Access Line</li><li>• Aboriginal Contact Line</li></ul> | 1800 633 063<br>1800 019 123 |

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| <b>NT</b> | Dawn House Women's Domestic Violence Counselling Service | 08 8945 1388 |
|           | Alice Springs – Women's Shelter                          | 08 8952 6075 |
|           | Victims of Crime NT                                      | 1800 672 242 |

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| <b>Qld</b> | Brisbane Domestic Violence Advocacy Service | 07 3217 2544 |
|            | DV Connect Womensline                       | 1800 811 811 |
|            | DV Connect Mensline                         | 1800 600 636 |

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| <b>SA</b> | Women's Safety Services SA – Domestic Violence Crisis Line | 1800 800 098 |
|           | Victim Support Service                                     | 1800 842 846 |

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| <b>Tas</b> | Family Violence Response and Referral Line | 1800 633 937 |
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| <b>Vic</b> | Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre | 1800 015 188 |
|            | Men's Referral Service                     | 1300 766 491 |
|            | Women's Information and Referral Exchange  | 1300 134 130 |
|            | Victims of Crime Victoria                  | 1800 819 817 |

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| <b>WA</b> | Women's Domestic Violence Helpline | 1800 007 339 |
|           | Men's Domestic Violence Helpline   | 1800 000 599 |
|           | Victims of Crime WA                | 1800 818 988 |