

## What is Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is behaviour used by a person to gain or maintain power or control over another person with whom they are or have been in an intimate relationship with.

### Domestic Violence can include:

**Physical Assault** – hitting, punching, kicking, choking, pushing or using weapons

**Sexual Assault** – forcing you to participate in sexual acts that you don't want to participate in

**Emotional & Verbal Abuse** – behaviour aimed to make you feel worthless or afraid. Use of intimidation, put-downs and threats towards you or your family, children, pets, or friends. Yelling, screaming, swearing

**Financial Control** – restricting access to money or threatening to withdraw financial support

**Social Control** – isolating you from family, friends and the community

**Stalking and Intimidation** – such as following or monitoring your movements. Using phone, text, email or social media to threaten or harass you

**Spiritual Control** – restricting access to cultural and religious events or meetings

You have the right to feel safe and live free of violence. You have the right to be supported. Contact us for a **confidential** chat with an experienced caseworker about how we can help you and your family.

**Police, Fire and Ambulance - Triple Zero (000)**  
Telephone Interpreting Service - **131 450**

### Local Services

South West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service - **9601 6988** or **0450 051 085**  
Bankstown Women's Health Centre - **9790 1378**  
Muslim Women's Association - **9750 6916**  
Baptist Care Relationship Services (intake) **8713 4333** or **1300 130 225**  
Creating Links - **8713 7700**  
Catholic Care Bankstown - **8709 9333**  
Family Relationship Centre Bankstown - **9707 8555**

### Accommodation

Link2Home - **1800 152 152**

### Counselling & Support

Lifeline - **131 114**  
Victims Access Line - **1800 633 063**  
DV Line - **1800 656 463**  
1800 RESPECT - **1800 737 732**  
Mensline Crisis Support Services - **1300 789 978**  
NSW Men's Referral Service - **1300 766 491** or [mrs.org.au](http://mrs.org.au)

### Legal

Law Access - **1300 888 529**  
Indigenous Women's Legal Contact Line - **1800 639 784**  
South West Sydney Legal Centre - **9601 7777**  
Immigration Advice & Rights Centre - **8234 0700** or [iarc.asn.au](http://iarc.asn.au)

### Mental Health

Mental Health Access Line - **1800 011 511**  
Transcultural Mental Health Service - **9912 3851**

### Alcohol Drugs Gambling & other Addictions

G-line (NSW) - **1800 633 635**  
Alcohol & Drug Information Service - **9361 8000**



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# Bankstown Domestic Violence Service



Bankstown Domestic Violence Service supports and empowers victims of domestic and family violence to move forward and live a life free of violence

## Who are we?

The Bankstown Domestic Violence Service is an integrated and coordinated response to domestic and family violence. We aim to improve outcomes for adults and children affected by domestic and family violence.

The safety of women, children and their families are our priority.

## Who do we assist?

The Bankstown Domestic Violence Service provides adult and child victims of domestic violence and family violence with support to escape and recover from the abuse, by providing ongoing practical and emotional support. We provide support to both victims living through the abuse and victims who have escaped the abuser.

## Services offered

- Telephone Support
- Information
- Advocacy and Referrals
- Court Support
- Crisis Support
- Needs Assessment
- Ongoing Support and Case Management
- Case Coordination with other Local Services
- Community Education

## Referral process

- Individuals and families living in the Bankstown area who are affected by domestic and family violence can be referred to our service.
- The service is voluntary and as such only accepts referrals which have the consent of the individual or family.
- Referrals can be made by government departments, non-government organisations, community groups or by individuals themselves.

## For information or referral

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>9am-5pm</b>
Bankstown	9790 1380
Fax	9600 6244
Mobile	0426 904 771
Email	<a href="mailto:bdvs@swslc.org.au">bdvs@swslc.org.au</a>

### Our services are free and confidential

The team is part of the South West Sydney Legal Centre, an independent, non-profit community organisation committed to social justice.

## Suburbs that we cover are

Bankstown  
Punchbowl  
Yagoona  
Condell Park  
Greenacre  
Chullora  
Mount Lewis  
Birrong  
Bass Hill  
Sefton  
Regents Park  
Potts Hill

Villawood  
Chester Hill  
Georges Hall  
Lansdowne  
Milperra  
Panania  
East Hills  
Padstow  
Padstow Heights  
Revesby  
Revesby Heights  
Picnic Point



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