

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 & Intimidation.** Such as following or monitoring your movements. Using phone, text or email to threaten or harass you.
- **Spiritual Control.** Restricting access to cultural and religious events or meetings.



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Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

If you need an interpreter, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and give them our phone number.

This service is funded by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.

In an emergency, call 000.

Domestic Violence Line: 1800 656 463

South West Sydney Community Legal Service:
02 9601 7777

South West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service: 02 9601 6988

Lifeline: 131 114

Centrelink Financial Assistance: 136 150

First Nations Women's Legal Contact Line: 1800 639 784

Immigrant Women's Speakout: 02 9635 8022



Staying Home Leaving Violence

A FREE service for women who have left an abusive relationship

Canterbury-Bankstown, Burwood,
Liverpool + Fairfield



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Is this service right for you?

We can assist you if:

- you are over 18 years old
- you have decided to leave an abusive relationship
- you live in the **Liverpool, Fairfield, Canterbury-Bankstown** or **Burwood** areas
- you wish to remain in your home or an alternative home of your choice (for example, a friend or relative's home) without your abuser.

This service is for women and their children impacted by domestic and family violence. Trans women, sisters and non-binary people are all eligible for this service.

You do not need to have children to access this service.

How we can assist you

- Assisting you to **obtain Court Orders** removing and excluding the violent person from the home and prohibiting them from intimidating & harassing you and your children and family members.
- Conducting a **safety audit of your home** and talking with you and police about a safety plan you feel comfortable with.
- Providing you with a caseworker who can **support you over the long term**, based on your needs and the needs of your children.

How can you stay home and have the violence leave?

Staying home can provide stable housing for you and your children, keep you close to support networks (friends, schools and your community) and let you continue your life with less disruption.

The law understands that in most situations, it is better for the victim and her children to remain at home and for the violent person to leave and be excluded from the home.

The court can do this through:

Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO)

An ADVO is a Court Order that protects victims of domestic violence from further violence or threats to their safety. An ADVO also protects a victim's children and other family members.

Exclusion Order

An Exclusion Order is part of an ADVO. It removes and excludes the violent person from the home. This is possible even if the violent person is a joint owner of the home, or is on the lease.

Combining an Exclusion Order with the protection of an ADVO excludes the violent person and prohibits that person from intimidating and harassing you and your children in your home. If the violent person breaches an ADVO, police can take action against them.

We can assist you with or without an ADVO

Whether you have an ADVO or not, we can assist you to assess your needs and talk with you about a safety plan.

- **If you don't have an ADVO**, we can assist you to get an ADVO and Exclusion Order.
- **If you already have an ADVO**, we can assist you to add an Exclusion Order to your ADVO.
- **If you are already going to court for an ADVO**, we can support you at court, speak to the police for you and ensure an Exclusion Order is requested.

We cannot supply housing

We do not have housing available to offer you, but can connect you with housing services.

This service aims to support you to remain in your home or a home of your choice, without the violent person. We can do a safety audit to maximize the safety of your home and talk about a safety plan.

You have the right to feel safe.

You have the right to be supported and to remain in your own home.

Contact us for a confidential chat with an experienced caseworker about how we can support you and your family to remain at home, without the violence.