



Family Violence Service

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Family Violence Service

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Web www.justice.wa.gov.au >
Court and Tribunal Services > Victim Services

Magistrates Court of Western Australia

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Useful services

Police, Fire, Ambulance
(life-threatening situations or emergencies) 000

WA Police Force 13 14 44

Crisis Care Helpline 1800 199 008 or 9223 1111

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Legal Aid Information Line 1300 650 579

Lifeline 13 11 14

Men's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 000 599

National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family
Violence Counselling Service 1800 Respect

Sexual Assault Resource Centre 1800 199 888

Women's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 007 339

Commissioner for Victims of Crime 9264 9877

Victims of Crime www.victimsofcrime.wa.gov.au

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Family Violence Service is a free service available to family violence victims.

Family Violence Service is available at the following Magistrates Court of Western Australia locations:

- Armadale
- Fremantle
- Joondalup
- Midland
- Perth
- Rockingham.

Family Violence Service provides court support services to family violence victims who are making an application for a family violence restraining order and / or are involved in a Family Violence List criminal matter.

What is family violence?

Family violence is any behaviour by a partner (past or present) or a family member that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or unsafe. It is not only about being physically hurt, it may also involve jealousy, intimidation, being constantly criticised, threatened or forced to do things you do not want to do.

How can Family Violence Service help?

Family Violence Service is available to talk to you about your specific situation and the options available to you. The Service can assist you to:

- assess your level of risk of further violence
- develop a plan to support and help keep you and your family safe - or help build on an existing plan
- help you prepare going to court
- obtain information for you on ongoing court matters
- refer you to other relevant support services.

What is a Family Violence Restraining Order (FVRO)?

A FVRO made by the court can protect you from a family member or partner who commits family violence or personal violence against you, threatens you or your property, harasses or intimidates you, and you are concerned it will continue.

A FVRO tells the person to stay away from you and/or stop behaving in certain ways towards you. The order can be worded to suit your situation.

An application for an FVRO can be made to a Magistrates Court.

The Magistrates Court and the Family Violence List

The Family Violence List operates as part of the Magistrates Court of Western Australia at Armadale, Fremantle, Joondalup, Midland, Perth and Rockingham.

The Family Violence List hears family violence charges, which are criminal charges laid by WA Police Force that must go to court and can consider other ways of dealing with people convicted of the charges.

The aim of the Family Violence List is to prevent further family violence and keep families safe.

What happens at the Family Violence List?

- When a family violence charge is laid by WA Police Force it may be heard in the Family Violence List by a magistrate.
- A person who pleads guilty to the charge in the court may be given the opportunity to participate in a behaviour management treatment program to address their behaviour before sentencing.
- The case is supported by a team of professionals who are available to help keep victims safe and monitor and report on the offender's progress
- The court may request Family Violence Service to complete a risk assessment report regarding the family violence victim.