

## Helpful contact numbers

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE .....	000
Police (24/7) .....	131 444
Police Domestic Violence Unit .....	8999 0865
LifeLine (24/7) .....	13 11 14
Hospital Emergency Section .....	8922 8888
Dawn House .....	8945 1388
Darwin Aboriginal Islander Women's Shelter (DAIWS) .....	8945 2284
Domestic Violence Legal Service (DVLS) .....	8999 7977
NT Legal Aid .....	1800 019 343
Top End Women's Legal Service .....	8982 3000
NAAJA (Aboriginal Legal Aid) .....	1800 898 251
NAAFLS (Aboriginal Legal Aid) .....	1800 041 998
Sexual Assault Referral Centre (24/7) .....	8922 7156
Crisis Line (24/7) .....	1800 019 116
Child Abuse Prevention Service (24/7) .....	1800 688 009
Men's Line Australia (24/7) .....	1300 789 978
QLife National Counselling and Referral .....	1800 184 527
National Counselling Hotline (24/7).....	1800 RESPECT

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## Domestic & Family Violence Centre

Empowered individuals,  
women and families in  
a safe and inclusive  
community

*DFVC is one of the few programs that offer domestic and family violence support to men.*



## YWCA DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE CENTRE (DFVC)

YWCA DFVC assists families living in the Northern Territory who are fleeing domestic and family violence. DFVC provides the following services:

- Domestic Violence safety planning
- Referral
- Information
- Respect for you and your wishes
- Individualised plans for the future
- Listening

Your case worker can also support you to access other services such as:

- Legal (including Domestic Violence Orders)
- Financial services – Centrelink & others
- Police
- Accommodation
- Department of Children and Families
- Other service providers

Further support options:

- Counselling for you and your children
- Child support
- Medical
- Advocacy
- Other support

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDER

What is a Domestic Violence Order (DVO)?

The order is to try and protect you, your property and in some cases your children, from domestic violence.

The order restrains the defendant's (abuser/perpetrator/person) behavior by setting out rules, or conditions that the defendant has to abide by.

Effects of a DVO

A DVO is a civil Court order that stops the defendant (abuser/partner/person) from doing certain things.

A DVO does not go on a person's criminal record.

The power of a DVO comes from the fact that breach of rules is a criminal offence – maximum 2 years in jail; fine up to \$61,200 – strict liability offence.

How do you get a DVO?

### 1. Urgent Police DVO – s41

Police have power make a DVO on the spot if it is necessary to ensure the person's safety because of urgent circumstances OR because it is not otherwise practicable to obtain a Court of Summary Jurisdiction (CSJ) DVO. Police can take out the order even if the protected person does not want it. (Defendant given blue sheet, protected person yellow).

### 2. Not Urgent (Court Application) – s 28 (CSO DVO)

In some cases, it will not be urgent or for some reason the victim does not wish to go to Police, but it will still be necessary for a DVO to be put in place. You or your lawyer or the police can apply to the Magistrate's Court for a domestic violence order.

## IDEAS THAT CAN ASSIST YOU

- Keep a diary of events – number & date page, what happened, your feelings. This is very helpful for your possible assistance with legal matters
- See your Doctor and record your issues – be truthful and accurate
- Seek legal advice such as Domestic Violence Orders, Trespass Notices, Vacate premises notices
- Have a code word – tell family/friends you need help in conversation without the perpetrator knowing
- Teach children to call triple zero – **Emergency call 000**
- Plan your leaving – bus/taxi fee, bus schedule/route, important items to bring with you