

## **DO YOU HAVE FEARS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN?**

Domestic and family violence covers a broad range of controlling behaviours, commonly of a physical, sexual and/or psychological nature, which typically involve fear, harm, intimidation and emotional abuse.

It is important that you tell Court staff as soon as possible if you and your children have been living with domestic and family violence or have any concerns about child abuse that has occurred before, during or after your separation.

The Courts take domestic and family violence very seriously. The Courts make decisions based on the best interests of children and consider violence and abuse when making orders.

The Courts can put into place special arrangements, such as separate rooms for events, appointments being held on different days and/or different entry and exit points to the Court building.

If you have any concerns about your safety while attending Court, please call:

**1300 352 000**

*or go to the reception counter on the ground floor  
(before your Court appointment or hearing)*

## **HELP WITH GOING TO THE FAMILY LAW COURTS:**

Many women who have been in abusive relationships can feel anxious, fearful and confused about going to the Family Law Courts.

We are here to provide non-legal support, information and referrals for women attending the Sydney Family Law Registry in relation to separation, with a particular focus on women and children who are separating from a partner who is violent and abusive.

A support worker at the Women's Family Law Support Service can:

- ✓ Provide you with free and confidential support
- ✓ Provide you with information about the Court process and the role of Court staff
- ✓ Refer you to other organisations that can also help you
- ✓ Accompany you to Court appointments or hearings
- ✓ Refer you to a lawyer
- ✓ Assist you in arranging appropriate Court security measures if you have safety concerns while at Court or arriving and leaving

**YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN  
HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAFETY!**

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HELP:**

**Domestic Violence Advocacy Service Advice Line  
(Legal Advice)**

Phone: 02 8745 6999 or 1800 81 07 84

TTY: 1800 62 62 67

**Law Access NSW**

Phone: 1300 88 85 29

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**Domestic Violence Line**

24 Hour, 7-Day Counselling & Refuge Referral

Phone: 1800 65 64 63 (Rural Free Call)

TTY: 1800 67 14 42

**NSW Rape Crisis Centre**

24 Hour, 7-Day Counselling

Phone: 1800 42 40 17

**Translating & Interpreting Service**

Phone: 13 14 50

**Immigrant Women's Speakout Association**

Phone: 02 9635 8022

**Emergency (Police)**

Phone: 000

TTY: 106

*Or phone the Domestic Violence Liaison Officer  
(DVLO) at your local Police station.*

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information and  
referral for women  
and their children  
who are going  
through the  
Family Law  
System.**



**Women's Family Law support workers  
cannot provide you with legal advice.**

**Contact us to arrange free and  
confidential support.**

***Find us at:***

Level 5, Sydney Family Law Registry  
Lionel Bowen Building  
97-99 Goulburn Street  
Sydney NSW 2001

***Service Hours:***

***Telephone:***

(02) 9217 7389  
(within service hours)



# **WOMEN'S FAMILY LAW SUPPORT SERVICE**



**A Project of the NSW Women's Refuge Movement  
and Family Law Courts**