In regional WA, victims of family violence can contact the nearest Victim Support & Child Witness Service office.

- **Albany**
  - Albany Courthouse
  - 184 Stirling Terrace
  - ALBANY WA 6330
  - Phone: 9845 5222

- **Broome**
  - Kimberley Regional Offices
  - 2 Weld Street
  - BROOME WA 6726
  - Phone: 9194 2400

- **Bunbury**
  - Ground Floor, Bunbury Courthouse
  - 65 Wittenoom Street
  - BUNBURY WA 6230
  - Phone: 9781 4294

- **Geraldton**
  - Geraldton Courthouse
  - Marine Terrace
  - GERALDTON WA 6530
  - Phone: 9964 4816

- **Kalgoorlie**
  - Kalgoorlie Courthouse
  - 208 Hannan Street
  - KALGOORLIE WA 6430
  - Phone: 9093 5334

- **Karratha**
  - Karatha Courthouse
  - Balmoral Road
  - KARRATHA WA 6714
  - Phone: 9143 1877

- **Kununurra**
  - Kununurra Courthouse
  - 94 Coolibah Drive
  - KUNUNURRA WA 6743
  - Phone: 9166 7130

- **Northam**
  - Northam Courthouse
  - 11B Wellington Street
  - NORTHAM WA 6401
  - Phone: 9622 7017

- **Port Hedland**
  - South Hedland Justice Complex
  - Hawke Place
  - SOUTH HEDLAND WA 6722
  - Phone: 9172 9313

Other useful services include:

- WA Police (in an emergency dial 000) 131 444
- Crisis Care 9223 1111
- 1800Respect (national counselling helpline, information and support 24/7) 1800 737 732
- Women’s Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 007 339
- Men’s Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 000 599
- Legal Aid Information Line 1300 650 579
- Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support Centre 9328 1200
- Domestic Violence Children’s Counselling Service 9328 1888
- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
- Multicultural Women’s Advocacy Service 9328 1200
- Women’s Information Service 1800 199 174
- Yorgum Aboriginal Counselling Service 9218 9477
- Derbarl Yirragh Health Service 9421 3888
- Djinda Services 9489 6391

For more information, please visit:

- [fvs@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:fvs@justice.wa.gov.au)

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Family and domestic violence is any behaviour displayed by a family member or partner that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or unsafe. It is not just about being physically hurt; it may also involve being intimidated, constantly criticised, threatened or forced to do things you don’t want to do.

**Types of abuse**

There are a number of different types of abuse.

**Emotional abuse** is when your partner or family member:
- blames you for their behaviour
- constantly puts you down or criticises you
- threatens to commit suicide if you leave the relationship
- threatens to kill you.

**Social abuse** is when your partner or family member:
- prevents you from seeing your friends and family
- makes you feel guilty about going to work or socialising
- constantly checks where you are.

**Financial abuse** is when your partner takes control of your financial affairs when you do not want them to, preventing you from having access to money.

**Sexual abuse** is when you are made to do sexual things that you don’t want to do. Forcing you to have sex is a criminal offence, even if you are married.

**Stalking** is when someone follows you around or repeatedly tries to contact you, even if you’ve said you do not want this. This includes sending numerous text and/or email messages.

**Physical abuse** includes pushing, hitting, throwing objects or threatening to physically harm you, other people or pets.

**The effects of abuse**

If you have been in an abusive relationship you may feel:
- afraid to tell anyone
- worried that it’s your fault
- depressed and alone
- confused
- scared of coping on your own
- scared it will get worse if you leave
- worried about what others will think
- afraid that no-one will believe you
- frustrated and sad because you’ve tried everything.

**The effects of abuse on children**

Children are also affected if they live in a home where there is abuse. Remember, you are not to blame for the abuse. You have a right to feel safe and to live a life free from intimidation and fear.

**Who do we help?**

The Family Violence Service is a section of the Department of the Attorney General’s Victim Support and Child Witness Service. We provide information and support to people who have experienced or are affected by family and domestic violence.

We help people talk about how to deal with violence in intimate or family relationships.

Our services are available to people who are:
- married or defacto (past and present)
- partners, either living together or not
- in same sex relationships
- family members
- being mistreated by carers.

**What help is available?**

The Family Violence Service is a free and confidential service. Our staff can help you:
- talk about your specific situation and the options available to you
- assess the risk of further violence to you
- develop a safety plan
- apply for a violence restraining order
- prepare you to attend court and have someone at court to support you
- obtain information about ongoing court matters
- complete court-related documents
- access other services that you may need such as counselling, police, legal assistance, medical care or other help agencies.