

Legal Aid ACT



We can help with family violence

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Easy English

Blue words



Some words in this book are **blue**.

We write what the blue words mean.

Help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- understand this book

- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this book.

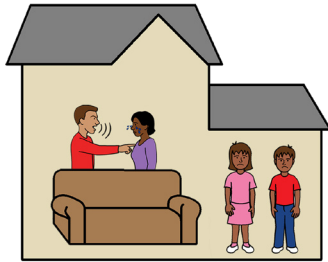
About this book

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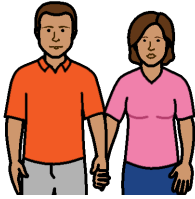


This book is about how we can help people in Canberra with **family violence**.



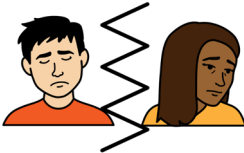
Family violence is when someone hurts another person in their family.

What is family violence?

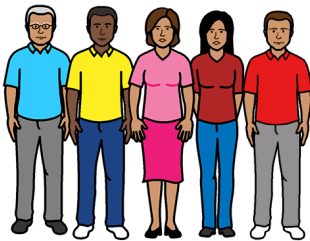


Family violence can happen between you and

- your partner



- your ex partner



- another family member.



It is also family violence when a family member

- hurts your children



- makes you feel afraid.



Family violence is **never** ok.



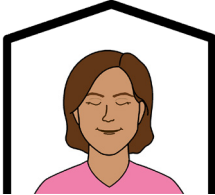
If you are in danger now, call triple zero.

Call 000

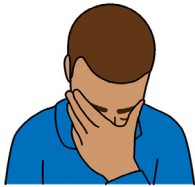
What problems can we help with?



We can help you if family violence has happened to you.



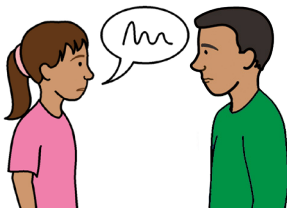
We can help you be safe.



We can also help if

- you have used family violence

or



- someone says you have used family violence.



We can help you if you need a place to stay because of family violence.



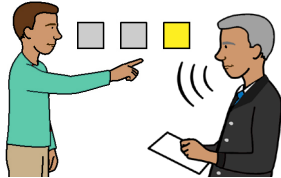
We can also help if the problem is about your mental health.

We can give you legal advice



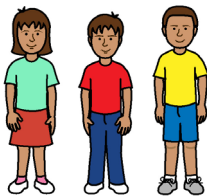
Legal advice is when someone helps you

- understand the law
- decide what to do next.



For example, we can help you understand what will happen to

- your children
- your home
- your job
- your money.



We can help you if you need to go to court.



We can help you understand a **court order**.



A court order is when a court makes rules you **must** follow.



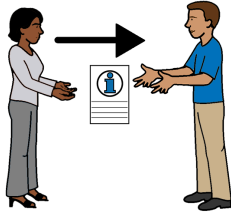
For example, the court can make rules about how often you can see your children.



You can get in trouble if you do **not** follow these rules.

We have different workers to help

You can get help from a lawyer



A lawyer can

- give you information



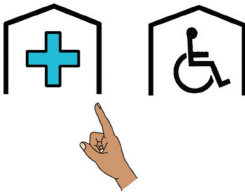
- help with your legal problem



- help you with court



- help you with documents

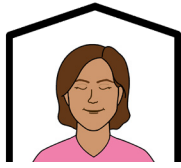


- get you other services.

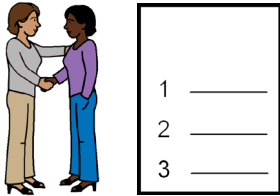


A lawyer can help you keep your children safe.

You can get help from a social worker



A social worker can help you be safe.



You can make a safety plan together.



The social worker can support you if you need to go to court.



The social worker can also find other people who can help you

- talk about what happened to you



- find a place to sleep



- manage your money.

You can get help from a community liaison officer

A **community liaison officer** is a worker who can



- help to keep you safe



- check on your legal problem



- help you with other problems



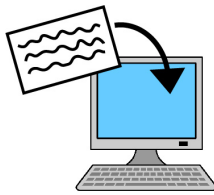
- go to court with you.

How to contact us

For help from a lawyer or a social worker



Call 1300 654 314

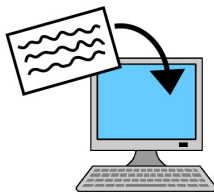


Email FASS@legalaidact.org.au

For help from a community liaison officer



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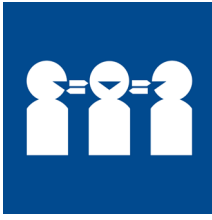
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Use the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS to make a phone call.

You can call the TIS in your language.



Call 131 450

Give the TIS officer the phone number you want to call.



If you need help to speak or listen

Use the National Relay Service to make a phone call.

You must sign up to the service first.



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