

# **Do you have fears for your safety while attending court?**

The Federal Circuit and Family Court places a priority on safety and can assist with the safety of you and your family when attending court.



FEDERAL CIRCUIT AND  
FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

# If you have any concerns for your safety, it is important you let the Court know at least five days before your court event.

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Court staff will ask you a few questions and discuss what arrangements are needed to enable you to participate in court events safely.

If there is an existing family violence order, you should provide a copy to the Court as soon as possible.

## Contact the Court

- Live Chat at



[www.fcfcoa.gov.au](http://www.fcfcoa.gov.au)

- Email [enquiries@fcfcoa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@fcfcoa.gov.au) or
- Call **1300 352 000**

If you have concerns about your safety outside the Court or any questions about family violence, contact:

- the police
- your lawyer, or
- one of the services listed in this brochure.

Some aspects of family violence may be a criminal offence and you may need to report these to police or child protection authorities.

## Family Violence Law Help

Family Violence Law Help is a website by National Legal Aid for people affected by domestic and family violence. It was set up to promote each state and territory's Family Advocacy and Support Service (FASS) and to provide information and links to get help.

[www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au](http://www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au)

## Family Advocacy and Support Service

FASS combines free legal advice and support at court for people affected by domestic and family violence and runs in each Australian state and territory.

If you are worried about your safety at court or about going to court, please talk to your local FASS before your court date.

[www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/fass](http://www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/fass)

**For more information about how the Court deals with family violence go to:**

[www.fcfcoa.gov.au](http://www.fcfcoa.gov.au)

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If you are experiencing or have experienced domestic and family violence and want to talk to someone, visit

[www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/get-help](http://www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/get-help)

to find services that may be able to help you. Everyone has a right to feel safe and to live free from violence.

## Further assistance

### NATIONAL

Police (Emergency)	000
Police (Assistance)	131 444
1800RESPECT www.1800respect.org.au	1800 737 732
Mensline www.mensline.org.au	1300 789 978

<b>ACT</b>	Domestic Violence Crisis Service	02 6280 0900
	Victims Support ACT	1800 822 272

<b>NSW</b>	Domestic Violence Line	1800 656 463
	Victims Services NSW	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victims Access Line</li><li>• Aboriginal Contact Line</li></ul>	1800 633 063 1800 019 123

<b>NT</b>	Dawn House Women's Domestic Violence Counselling Service	08 8945 1388
	Alice Springs – Women's Shelter	08 8952 6075
	Victims of Crime NT	1800 672 242

<b>Qld</b>	Brisbane Domestic Violence Advocacy Service	07 3217 2544
	DV Connect Womensline	1800 811 811
	DV Connect Mensline	1800 600 636

<b>SA</b>	Women's Safety Services SA – Domestic Violence Crisis Line	1800 800 098
	Victim Support Service	1800 842 846

<b>Tas</b>	Family Violence Response and Referral Line	1800 633 937
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<b>Vic</b>	Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre	1800 015 188
	Men's Referral Service	1300 766 491
	Women's Information and Referral Exchange	1300 134 130
	Victims of Crime Victoria	1800 819 817

<b>WA</b>	Women's Domestic Violence Helpline	1800 007 339
	Men's Domestic Violence Helpline	1800 000 599
	Victims of Crime WA	1800 818 988