

# Safe at Home

## Information on Registering an External Family Violence Order

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Safe at Home aims to improve the safety of adult and children victims of family violence. The legislation underpinning the program is the *Family Violence Act 2004* (the Act).

A range of Government agencies are involved in delivering Safe at Home services, including the Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Police and Emergency Management. These services work together to protect and support victims of family violence, including young people and children, while making offenders responsible for their behaviour.

The Act gives the Magistrates Court the ability to register an 'External Family Violence Order', that is, an order that has been made by an interstate or New Zealand court (note: the naming of these orders may vary between jurisdictions, for example, an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) or Domestic Violence Order (DVO) would be classed as being an External Family Violence Order in Tasmania).

To register an external order an Application for Registration of an External Family Violence Order will need to be completed and lodged, with relevant documentation, with the Magistrates Court of Tasmania.

The relevant form for completion along with the location of the courts can be found online on the Magistrates Court's website:

[http://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/divisions/family\\_violence](http://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/divisions/family_violence).

Alternatively, the Magistrate Court's contact numbers are:

Hobart: 03 6165 7136  
Burnie: 03 6477 7140  
Devonport: 03 6478 4353  
Launceston: 03 6777 2945

**Upon registering an External Family Violence Order you will not automatically become a Safe at Home client. Safe at Home clients are those who have experienced family violence in Tasmania. However, registering an External Family Violence Order will alert Tasmania Police and Safe at Home to potential risk and safety issues for you.**

For further information about Safe at Home please contact the Family Violence Response and Referral Line below or visit the Safe at Home website.

| Organisation/Name   | Services                                   | Contact details or sites   |
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| <b>EMERGENCY</b>    | <b>Ask for police</b>                      | <b>000</b>   |
| <b>Safe at Home</b> | Information sheets                         | <a href="http://www.safeathome.tas.gov.au">www.safeathome.tas.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Safe at Home</b> | Family Violence Response and Referral Line | Ph: 1800 633 937   |

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