

Safe at Home

Information for Adult Victims

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Assessments of Risk and Safety

Experience shows that after a family violence incident occurs, victims are often reluctant to take matters further once their initial fear has passed, sometimes with tragic consequences. The *Safe at Home* program takes responsibility for assessing the risk to victims and for the management of those risks.

Police are trained and resourced to conduct risk assessments with respect to family violence and to assess whether it is safe for victims and children to remain in their homes. Police will respond to an incident of family violence in accordance with their assessment of risk and safety by, for example:

- issuing a **Police Family Violence Order** or applying for a **Family Violence Order** (See the information sheet *Controlling Family Violence: Police Family Violence Orders and Family Violence Orders* for more information);
- making an arrest; and/or suggesting a range of optional improvements to household security.

Counselling

Safe at Home includes a Family Violence Counselling and Support Service. Professional and specialised workers are available to assist adult and child victims of family violence and provide:

- information on family violence and its impacts;
- individual support and counselling; and
- group work programs.

The Service has offices in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart. The Service can be contacted by telephone from 9am until midnight on weekdays and 4pm until midnight on weekends and public holidays.

Court Support and Liaison Service

Court Support Officers are available in each region of Tasmania to provide support to victims of family violence who become involved in court processes, and to guide them through the justice system during and after court appearances. These officers can explain and show the court layout and procedures, provide information about the language used in the court, and advise the client about presenting information. They can also provide referrals to other services such as Legal Aid.

Legal Aid

Free Legal Aid is available to eligible victims of family violence through the *Safe at Home* program to assist with legal matters relating to family violence, such as making applications for Family Violence Orders or applying to vary Police Family Violence Orders or Family Violence Orders.

Organisation/Name	Services	Contact details or sites
EMERGENCY	Ask for police	000
Safe at Home	Information sheets	www.safeathome.tas.gov.au
Safe at Home	Family Violence Response and Referral Line	Ph: 1800 633 937

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Phone: (03) 6165 4988

Email: safeathome@justice.tas.gov.au

Web: www.safeathome.tas.gov.au



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