

☞ If you made your own application you should speak to a lawyer. Many local courts have lawyers on duty to help with private applications for ADVOs.

Contact your closest Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS). This service provides help, support at court and works closely with the lawyers on duty.

You can find your nearest WDVCAS by calling 1800 938 227.

What happens once I have an ADVO?

- ☞ Keep a copy of your ADVO with you and give a copy to your school or your work.
- ☞ If the person you have the ADVO against breaks the rules in the ADVO, tell the police right away! This is called a **breach and it's a crime**.
- ☞ If things change or get better, you should get legal advice about whether you need to change the ADVO to suit your new situation.

Apprehended Personal Violence Order (APVO)

What is an APVO?

If you are scared of a person that you are not in a domestic relationship with, like a neighbour or friend, you can apply for an Apprehended Personal Violence Order (APVO). You may need legal advice before applying for an APVO.

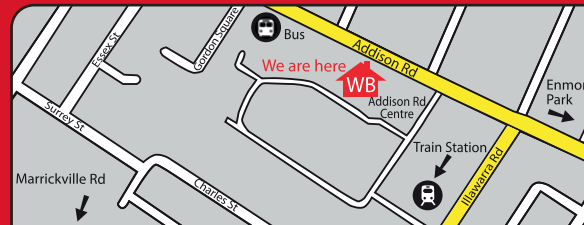
For legal assistance, please call Law Access NSW on 1300 888 529 (Mon – Fri from 9am – 5pm excluding public holidays).

For more information call:
Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal
Women's Legal Centre
1800 686 587 / (02) 9569 3847

Police 000 - (24/7)
000 (triple zero)
Domestic Violence Line (24/7)
1800 656 463
Law Access NSW
1300 888 529
Women's Domestic Violence
Court Advocacy Service
1800 938 227

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What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is when someone close to you hurts you, like your boyfriend, girlfriend, ex-girlfriend, ex-boyfriend, father, mother, sister or brother. The abuse can be:

Physical

This is when someone:

- 📞 pushes you
- 📞 punches, kicks you
- 📞 slaps you, bites you
- 📞 pulls your hair
- 📞 chokes you
- 📞 throws things at you
- 📞 spits on you.

Sexual

This is when someone:

- 📞 tries to kiss or touch you
- 📞 forces you to have sex (even if they are your boyfriend, girlfriend, husband or wife)
- 📞 forces you to touch them
- 📞 makes you watch pornography
- 📞 tries to make you have sex in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Emotional

This is when someone:

- 📞 calls you names all the time
- 📞 threatens to hurt you, your family or pets
- 📞 frightens you
- 📞 breaks your things
- 📞 constantly calls you or sends heaps of text messages or emails
- 📞 runs you down on Facebook or other internet sites.

Social

This is when someone:

- 📞 doesn't let you go out with your friends or family
- 📞 checks up on you all the time and follows you around
- 📞 locks you in the house, takes your keys, car, mobile, wallet or ID
- 📞 puts you down in front of people.

Financial

This is when someone:

- 📞 takes your key card
- 📞 spends your money or doesn't let you spend it.

Have any of these things happened to you?

If so, you may need an ADVO!

Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVO)

What is an ADVO?

If your partner, ex-partner, relative or someone you're living with is hassling you, hurting you or making you scared, you can apply for an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) to protect yourself, your kids and family.

An ADVO is an order from the court telling someone not to do certain things, like hurt, threaten or stalk you.

How do I get an ADVO?

- 📞 Tell the **police** so that they can apply for an ADVO to protect you. Some police stations have Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs) to talk to, **OR**
- 📞 If the police will not apply for an ADVO for you, you can make your own application for an ADVO. Contact your nearest local court or us for help.

When does an ADVO start working?

An ADVO only starts to work when the other person is given a copy of the ADVO by the police. This is called **service**.

Do I need a lawyer when I go to court?

- 📞 If the police applied for the ADVO on your behalf they will have someone to represent you. This person is called a **Police Prosecutor**.

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