

How do Domestic Violence Orders get made?



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Northern Territory (NT)

If someone has used domestic and family violence against you, a Domestic Violence Order (DVO) may help keep you safe.

If you, or someone you are with is in immediate danger—call police on Triple Zero (000).



How are applications made?

In the Northern Territory, you or the police can apply for a DVO to protect you and your children.

You or the police can apply for a DVO if someone has used domestic and family violence against you, or if you're scared they will. If you have experienced domestic and family violence, you should contact the police.

In some cases, police can make a Police DVO for your protection. A Police DVO is an urgent order that can protect you until the case goes to court.

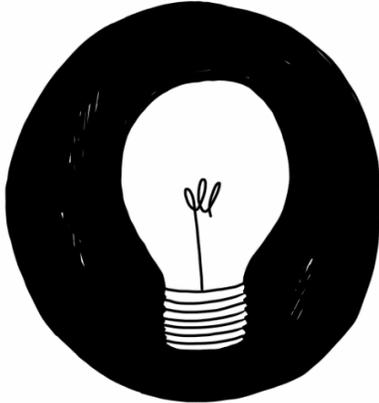
If the police apply for a DVO to protect you or your children, it may not be up to you if the DVO goes ahead or not.

If the police don't take out a DVO for you or if you don't feel comfortable going to the police, you can apply for a DVO at the [Local Court](#). It's important to get legal advice about this.



Who can orders be made against?

You or the police can apply for a DVO to protect you from:



- your current partner or ex-partner
- someone you are or were in an intimate relationship (even if there was no sexual relationship)—like someone you dated
- relatives such as your child, mum, dad, grandparents, grandchildren, step-parents, step-children, step-siblings, half-siblings, in-laws, uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew or someone you used to be related to
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander kinship relatives
- someone who is or was your guardian or who you have had guardianship over
- someone who is or was your carer or dependent—if they were paid or not
- your current or former housemates, and their relatives.

If the person you want protection from is not listed above, get legal advice.

You may be able to apply for a different type of order, called a Personal Violence Order.

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