

How do Domestic Violence Orders get made?



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Queensland (Qld)

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 Queensland, 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.

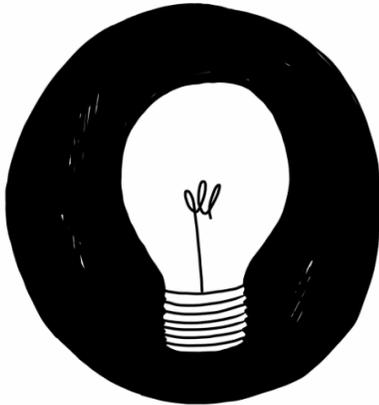
If you have experienced domestic and family violence, you should contact the police. In some cases, police can make a Police Protection Notice for your protection. A Police Protection Notice is an urgent order that can protect you until the case goes to court.

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 your local [Magistrates Court](#). It's important to get legal advice about this. If your application is urgent, sometimes a Temporary Protection Order can be made.

The [Childrens Court](#) can also make or change a DVO in some child protection cases.





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 with—like someone you were in a couple relationship with or someone you were engaged to marry
- relatives such as your child, mum, dad, siblings, 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
- your carer or dependant in an informal care relationship.



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 Peace and Good Behaviour Order.

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