

How do Family Violence Intervention Orders get made?



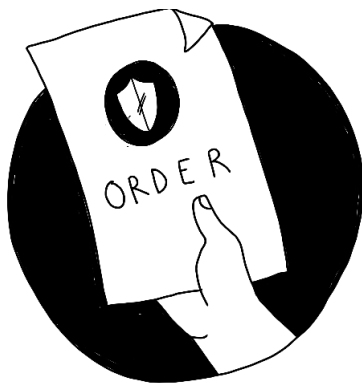
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Victoria (Vic)

If someone has used domestic and family violence against you a Family Violence Intervention Order (FVIO) 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 Victoria, you or the police can apply for a FVIO to protect you and your children. You or the police can apply for a FVIO 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 Family Violence Safety Notice for your protection. A Family Violence Safety Notice can protect you until the case goes to court.

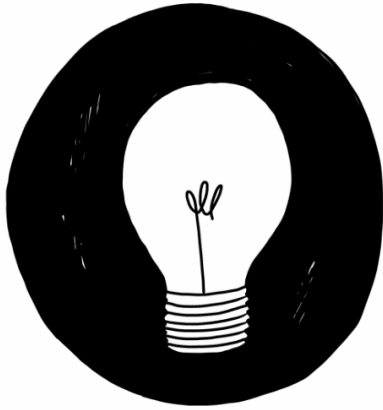
If the police apply for a FVIO to protect you or your children, it may not be up to you if the FVIO goes ahead or not.

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



The [Children's Court](#) can also make or change a FVIO in some in some child protection cases.

Who can orders be made against?



You or the police can apply for a FVIO 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 by birth, marriage or adoption—for example, your child, mum, dad, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, step-parents, step-children, step-siblings, half-siblings, uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew or someone you used to be related to
- people you treat like a family member—for example, a carer or dependent, your guardian or someone you had guardianship over, a child who lives with you or a person who is related to you in the family structure of your culture
- relatives of your partner, ex-partner or someone you have been in an intimate relationship with
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander kinship 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 Intervention Order called a Personal Safety Intervention Order.

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