

How do Family Violence Orders get made?



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Australian Capital Territory (ACT)

If someone has used domestic and family violence against you, a Family Violence Order (FVO) 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 Australia Capital Territory, you or the police can apply for a FVO to protect you and your children. You or the police can apply for a FVO if someone has used domestic and family violence against you, or if you're scared they will.

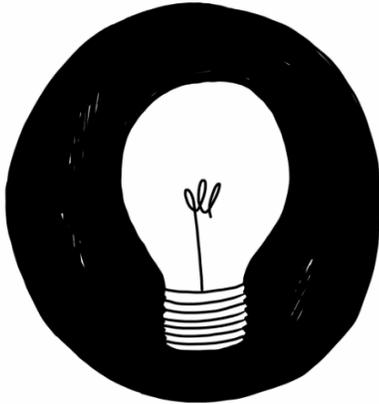
If you have experienced domestic and family violence, you should contact the police.

In some cases, police can apply for an emergency FVO for your protection. An emergency FVO is an urgent order that can protect you until the case goes to court.

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



You can apply for a FVO at the [Magistrates Court](#). It's important to get legal advice about this. If your application is urgent, sometimes an Interim (temporary) FVO can be made. The [Children's Court](#) can also make or change a FVO in some child protection cases.



Who can orders be made against?

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

- your current partner or ex-partner
- someone you are or were in an intimate relationship with—like someone you dated
- relatives such as your mum, dad, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, step-parents, step-children, step-siblings, half-siblings, in-laws, uncle, aunt, cousin, niece or nephew
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander kinship relatives
- your child, your partner’s child or your ex-partner’s child
- your child’s other parent.



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 Protection Order.

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