

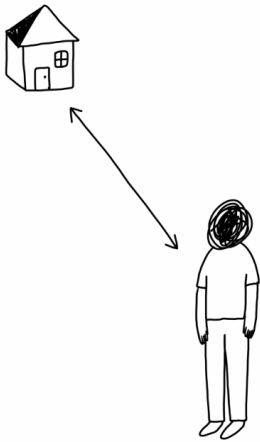
How do I get my stuff back If there's a Family Violence Intervention Order?



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Sometimes a Family Violence Intervention Order (FVIO) will change where you live, or who you have contact with. This can make it difficult to get your stuff back—for example, if you've left your things at their house. Not all FVIOs have conditions that will stop you from getting your things, so you should get legal advice about your situation.

Sometimes you can ask the police if they can help you get your things.

Sometimes the court can make an order so you can safely collect your personal things, like:

- your clothes
- toiletries
- documents like passports, tax returns, birth certificates or other personal papers
- children's toys.

You can get legal advice about this.



If you were in a relationship with the other person, the two of you may need to divide up your things by doing a property settlement. You need to tell the court if you already have family law property orders, or have applied for family law property orders.

When it makes a FVIO, the court may order:

- the respondent (the person the order is against) to give the protected person their personal things, or their family member's personal things
- the respondent to give the protected person jointly-owned property that allows the protected person's everyday life to continue normally
- the respondent to collect their personal things in the company of a police officer or someone else if they are no longer allowed to go to a place, like their house.

For more information, get legal advice.



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