

I have a Domestic Violence Order for my protection – what should I do now?

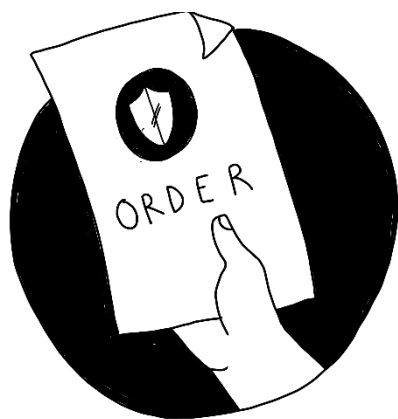


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Domestic Violence Orders are also known as Intervention Orders, Family Violence Orders, Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders or Restraining Orders.

Keep a copy of your order with you - You can also give copies to your children's school and childcare centre.



Report breaches - If the other person breaks the order you should report the breach to the police. If it's safe to do so, keep any evidence of the other person breaking the order—for example, keep text messages they sent you, take photos or write down what happened.

Get support - If you need help with things like money, housing or counselling, see www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/get-help for services that can help.

Find out if you can get compensation - If you experienced domestic and family violence you may be able to apply for compensation or support through a victim's compensation scheme. Each State and Territory have their own scheme and different laws about what support they offer, time limits and who can apply. For more information, contact your victim's compensation scheme



Get legal advice - Sometimes a Domestic Violence Order can affect things like your:

- tenancy
- visa
- arrangements for your children or dividing property.

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