Where to get help - WA



If you are in immediate danger - call police on Triple Zero (000).

Domestic and family violence counselling - 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)





Translating and Interpreting Service - 131 450

National Relay Service - 133 677

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Legal Services		
Family Advocacy and Support Service	Legal help for people who are affected by domestic and family violence, with family law problems.	To get help, see www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/fass
Legal Aid WA	Legal help with family, criminal and civil law problems.	1300 650 579
Women's Law Centre WA	Legal help for women about family law, child protection and domestic and family violence.	1800 625 122
Community Legal Centres	Legal help provided by not-for-profit community organisations.	Find your local Community Legal Centre at www.naclc.org.au/clc_directory.php
Law Society WA	Referrals to private lawyers in your local area or language.	Find a lawyer at www.lawsocietywa.asn.au/find-a-lawyer
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Is	slander Legal Services 🔼 👊	
Aboriginal Family Law Service	Legal help and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have experienced domestic and family violence. Services in Perth, Broome, Carnarvon, Kununurra, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and Port Hedland.	1800 469 246
Family Violence Prevention Service, South Aboriginal Corporation	Legal help and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have experienced domestic and family violence. Services in Noongar country (Albany).	1800 557 187
Family Violence Prevention Unit, Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre	Legal help and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have experienced domestic and family violence. Services in Fitzroy Crossing.	(08) 9191 5284
Courts		
Family Court WA Call Centre	General information about applying to the Family Court, court procedures and your matter in court.	1800 199 228
Magistrates Court of WA	General information about court procedures and your matter in the Magistrates Court. Most Family Violence Restraining Orders are dealt with in the Magistrates Court.	To find your local Magistrates Court see www.magistratescourt.wa.gov.au/C/ court_locations_contacts.aspx
Children's Court of WA	General information about court procedures and your child protection matter in the Children's Court.	(08) 9218 0100

Support at Court		
Family Advocacy and Support Service	Support for people affected by domestic and family violence with family law problems. Includes referrals, information and help with safety at court.	To get help, see www.familyviolencelaw.gov.au/fass
Family Violence Service	Information, non-legal advocacy and referrals for people in domestic and family violence situations. Support for people who have experienced violence at court with Family Violence Restraining Orders matters.	Armadale: (08) 9399 0722 Fremantle: (08) 9431 0324 Joondalup: (08) 9400 0707 Midland: (08) 9250 0229 Perth: (08) 9425 2459 Rockingham: (08) 9592 4018
Counselling and Support		
1800 RESPECT	Counselling, information and referrals (24 hours, 7 days).	1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)
Women's Domestic Violence Helpline	Counselling, information and referrals including assistance with emergency accommodation (24 hours, 7 days).	1800 000 599
<u>MensLine</u>	Phone support and referrals for men who have experienced or used domestic and family violence (24 hours, 7 days).	1300 789 978
WA Men's Domestic Violence Helpline	Support for men who have used violence including referrals to men's behaviour change programs (24 hours, 7 days).	1800 000 599
Victims of Crime WA	Information, support and referral for victims of crime. Victims may be eligible for financial support.	1800 818 988
Family Relationships Advice Line	Information about family relationship issues and parenting arrangements after separation. Referrals to local services.	1800 050 321
Housing and Emergency Ac	commodation	
Women's Domestic Violence Helpline	Help with emergency housing for women affected by domestic and family violence (24 hours, 7 days).	1800 000 599
Entrypoint Perth	Homelessness services.	1800 124 684
WA Housing Authority	For information about community and public housing, rental bond loans and applications, contact your <u>local housing office</u> .	Find your local office at www.housing.wa.gov.au/contactus/offices
Tenancy WA Advice Line	Legal help for tenants living in public and private residential housing.	1800 621 999
Sexual Assault Services		
Sexual Assault Resource Centre	Crisis phone counselling, referrals, help in reporting a sexual assault to Police and preparing for court (24 hours, 7 days).	1800 199 888

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Financial help		
Centrelink Social Worker	Help with applying for a crisis payment and other benefits, as well as short-term counselling and referrals.	132 850 or visit local service centre
Victims of Crime WA	Information, support and referral for victims of crime. Victims may be eligible for financial support.	1800 818 988
Child Support	Information about and applications for child support.	131 272
The Salvation Army	People affected by domestic and family violence may be eligible for emergency relief (food, travel, phone, bills, utilities, clothing, etc).	13 SALVOS (13 72 58)
National Debt Helpline	Legal help and financial counselling, including about credit, banking, debt recovery and insurance.	1800 007 007
Banks	Some banks offer financial help to existing customers leaving domestic and family violence. If you're having trouble making repayments, all banks have financial hardship teams you can talk to.	CBA: 1800 222 387 NAB: 1800 701 599 ANZ: 13 13 14 Westpac: 1800 063 509
No Interest Loan Scheme	People affected by domestic and family violence on low incomes may be eligible for safe, fair and affordable credit.	www.nils.com.au
Visa and Immigration		
The Humanitarian Group	Legal help with immigration matters.	(08) 6148 3600
Multicultural Women's Advocacy and Support Service	Support and referrals for migrant women who have experienced domestic and family violence.	Fremantle: (08) 9336 8282 Gosnells: (08) 9490 4988 Mirrabooka: (08) 9344 8988 Northbridge: (08) 9328 1200
Refugee Council of Australia	Website with services that can help refugees and asylum seekers with immigration advice.	Find a local service at www.refugeecouncil.org.au/migration-advice
Law Society WA	Referrals to private lawyers in your local area or language.	Find a lawyer at www.lawsocietywa.asn.au/find-a-lawyer
Older Persons Services		
Advocare	Information, support and referrals relating to elder abuse	1300 724 679
Older Person's Advocacy Network	Advocacy for people receiving aged care services, including people experiencing elder abuse.	1800 700 600
Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre, Elder Law Services	Legal advice, information, referral and crisis counselling for older people experiencing elder abuse.	Mirrabooka: (08) 944 1663 Joondalup: (08) 9301 4413
Relationships Australia Elder Relationship Service	Family counselling and mediation to help older people and their families to resolve family conflict, plan for the future and prevent elder abuse.	(08) 6164 0171

Support and advocacy for people with a disability to promote and protect their rights and community participation.	Find a Disability Advocate: https://disabilityadvocacyfinder.dss.gov.au/disability/ndap
Information, support and referrals for people with a disability, their family, friends or supports.	1800 422 015
A confidential service to report abuse and neglect of people with disability. Reports can be made by family members, friends, service providers or a person with disability.	1800 880 052
Phone and internet counselling, support and referrals for LGBTIQ+ people and their families.	1800 184 527
Alcohol and drug advice, crisis counselling, information and referrals.	1800 198 024
Phone counselling and referrals for people affected by gambling (24 hours, 7 days).	1800 858 858
Mental health support and referral service staffed by mental health professionals (24 hours, 7 days).	13 14 65
Phone, video or online counselling for anyone affected by suicide (24 hours, 7 days).	1300 659 467
Crisis and suicide prevention counselling (24 hours, 7 days).	13 11 14
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Men's Behaviour Change Programs provide support, group work, individual counselling and case management for men who use violence and want to change. It can also include support for women and children.

To get information and referrals to your local Men's Behaviour Change Program, call the <u>WA Men's Domestic Violence</u> Helpline on 1800 000 599.

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