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Domestic Violence Legal Service



The Service

The Domestic Violence Legal Service (DVLS) is a partnership between the Women's and Children's Hospital and the Legal Services Commission providing legal advice and assistance to women who have or who are experiencing domestic or family violence. The service is free and confidential and can be accessed via phone, email or referral.

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Or you can speak with your social worker/ support worker for a referral to our service.

Eligibility

If you are a patient at the Women's and Children's Hospital who is experiencing or who has experienced domestic or family violence then you may be eligible for **free** legal advice and assistance.

What we do

The DVLS provides legal advice and representation in a wide range of areas, including:

- Intervention Orders;
- Family law matters including divorce, children and property;
- Residential tenancy disputes;
- Debt matters; and
- Civil and administrative matters; and

The DVLS also has access to social workers who can provide assistance with:

- Accessing emergency financial payments;
- Safety planning;
- Making statements to police;
- Direct referrals for Financial Counselling; and
- Referrals to other services for assistance with Emergency housing, domestic violence counselling, Centrelink issues and home safety and security assessments.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is not limited to just physical violence.

It occurs when a person:

- Threatens to assault you or your children;
- Verbally abuses or harasses you;
- Controls where you go and who you see;
- Denies you access to money;
- Damages your property; and
- Stalks or follows you.

The DVLS can help you get access to further legal advice if you have complex legal problems such as migration, child support or Centrelink issues.

Domestic violence and legal issues generally go hand-in-hand so please remember if there is domestic violence there are usually legal issues requiring advice or assistance.

Call us now or speak to a social worker at the Women's and Children's Hospital for a free and confidential appointment with one of our specialist domestic violence solicitors.

