

Do you need legal help and support with domestic violence?

The Legal Aid NSW Domestic Violence Unit can help you



Who are we?

The Legal Aid NSW Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) is a specialist domestic violence service. Our lawyers, social workers and financial counsellors work together to support people to work out their legal problems and help them stay safe. We can help you with your legal and non-legal needs.

Call **1800 979 529**.

Who can we help?

We can help you if you have experienced domestic and family violence and have a legal problem.

We can help you even if your ex-partner is getting help from another part of Legal Aid NSW. What you tell us is confidential. We can't share the information you give us unless you tell us we can.

Our services are free.

How can we help you?

We can help with problems like:

- getting an AVO
- sorting out arrangements for children
- sorting out property after separation
- getting a divorce
- getting child support
- sorting out problems with the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ)
- getting victims support
- defending an AVO or criminal charge if you are the victim of violence and
- sorting out other legal problems you have because of domestic violence.

Our lawyers, social workers and financial counsellors can work with you to:

- help you better understand your legal problem and the choices you have
- represent and support you during your case
- help you plan for your safety at home and at court
- talk to the courts for you
- advocate for you with organisations like Housing NSW and Victims Services
- help you sort out practical problems like getting Centrelink
- support you if you have to give evidence
- support you before, during and after court
- arrange an interpreter for you and
- assess your financial situation and help sort out things like your budget and debts.

If we can't help solve your legal or non-legal problem, we can connect you to someone who can.

How do I get help?

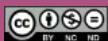
Call the Legal Aid NSW Domestic Violence Unit on **1800 979 529**.

We have services at Sydney, Parramatta, South West Sydney, Wollongong, Central Coast and Newcastle. You can call us from anywhere in NSW.

The DVU also provides education about domestic violence for community groups and other professionals.

This publication is a general guide to the law. You should not rely on it as legal advice, and we recommend that you talk to a lawyer about your situation.

The information is correct at the time of printing, however it may change. For more information contact LawAccess NSW on **1300 888 529**.



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Do you need help to contact us?



If you need an interpreter, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** (9am – 5pm) and ask for LawAccess NSW.

Do you find it hard to hear or speak?



If you find it hard to hear or speak, call us through the National Relay Service (NRS) on **133 677** and ask for LawAccess NSW or visit:

www.relayservice.gov.au

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