

# Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service

**If you are appearing in court to protect yourself or your children from domestic violence, you don't have to do it alone.**

The Women's Domestic Violence Court Assistance Service provides free and confidential assistance to all women who attend the Brisbane Magistrates Court for domestic and family violence matters. This service is available to all women applying for or responding to a Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO).

**Our domestic violence prevention workers can:**

- help you access the court's safety facilities
- explain what DVPOs are, including conditions of DVPOs and what to do if an order is breached
- help to complete an application for a DVPO or make changes (variations) to an existing DVPO
- explain your and the other person's options, and the consequences of different options
- explain the court process
- talk to the police prosecutor and court staff on your behalf
- provide you with support and information in court and throughout the court process
- help you with safety planning
- refer you to relevant legal and community services for your situation
- provide you with crisis counselling and emotional support
- assist you with completing applications for legal aid.

Domestic violence prevention workers are located on level 6 of the Brisbane Magistrates Court. Phone (07) 3247 5437 for more information.

**If you are in danger and need urgent help you should call police on 000. If you would like information about accommodation in a women's refuge call DV Connect on 1800 811 811.**



# Application Assistance Program

**If you are experiencing domestic or family violence, you can apply for a Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO).**

The Application Assistance Program helps women apply for DVPOs at the Brisbane Magistrates Court.

**Our domestic violence prevention workers can:**

- help you prepare an application for a DVPO or changes (variations) to an existing DVPO
- assist you with lodging DVPO applications at the Brisbane Magistrates Court
- provide support for you in court
- help you with risk assessment and safety planning
- refer you to relevant legal and community services for your situation.

Domestic violence prevention workers are located on level 6 of the Brisbane Magistrates Court on Monday and Friday 9am–1pm (no appointment needed). Phone (07) 3247 5437 for more information.

If you wish to meet with a domestic violence prevention worker outside of these times, please phone (07) 3917 0590 to arrange a time to meet.

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