



# Domestic and Family Violence



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Family violence, sexual assault and forced marriage are crimes in Australia, even if they occur in the home. Family violence is not only hitting. It can mean yelling aggressively, threatening the children, controlling the family's money, or stopping the partner from seeing friends and family.



The police in Australia are safe and can be trusted. If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, talk to the police or call them on **000**.



There are culturally sensitive services in Australia that can help make you safe and happy.



You can get help with:



Call the police on **000** if you are in danger.

Call **1800 RESPECT** for free on **1800 737 732** if you need confidential counselling and information. Or go to the website at: [www.1800RESPECT.org.au](http://www.1800RESPECT.org.au).

Call the **Australian Federal Police** on **131 237** if you are at risk of forced marriage.

Call the **Translating and Interpreting Service** for free on **131 450** if you need an interpreter.

