

# Family and Domestic Violence, Western Australia

## Violence against women is a widespread problem in Australia.

In Australia, **one in six women** (1.6 million) and **one in sixteen men** (547,600) has experienced at least one incident of violence by a partner.<sup>(1)</sup>

In 2018, of the **18,800 violence-related assaults** recorded by the WA police, **61.3%** (n=11,524) of the assault victims were victims of family and domestic violence.<sup>(2)</sup>

In 2018, there were **37 homicides** related to WA family and domestic violence.<sup>(3)</sup>



If you, or someone you care about is in danger and you think immediate action is needed, call the police immediately on 000.

Alternatively, if there is no immediate danger, contact a 24 hour support service, such as:

**Crisis Care Helpline**  
9223 1111

**Women's Domestic Violence Helpline**  
9223 1188

**Men's Domestic Violence Helpline**  
9223 1199

**1800 RESPECT**  
1800 737 732

## Violence Prevention Initiatives

Deliberately causing physical harm to another person is illegal in Australia. Police Orders, Violence Restraining Orders and policies regarding the availability and harmful use of alcohol, guns, and other weapons are currently in place to reduce the incidence of violence in the community.

In Western Australia (WA), there are a number of community based initiatives, including community awareness campaigns and educational programs, which aim to change social norms that foster violence. Here are some examples of what you can do:

Every year from 25 November to 10 December, the **16 Days in WA Stop Violence against Women** campaign is held to encourage people to speak out to stop violence against women. Find out how you can get involved at:

[www.communities.wa.gov.au/projects/16-days-in-wa/](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/projects/16-days-in-wa/)

The Department of Communities is working in partnership with FDV organisations to deliver the WA Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program. Information and resources can be found here:

[www.communities.wa.gov.au/projects/wa-respectful-relationships-teaching-support-program/](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/projects/wa-respectful-relationships-teaching-support-program/)

Everyone has an important role to play in preventing violence. As individuals and communities, it is possible to shift the way we think about and behave concerning gender and violence. Together we can work to shift social norms, change institutional practices, and influence attitudes that contribute to violence.

## Additional information and resources

**WA's Family and Domestic Violence Prevention Strategy to 2022**  
[www.dcp.wa.gov.au/Documents/WA%20FDV%20Prevention%20Strategy%20to%202022.pdf](http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/Documents/WA%20FDV%20Prevention%20Strategy%20to%202022.pdf)

**Know Injury Violence Resource Kit**  
[www.knowinjury.org.au/know/injury-topics/violence/](http://www.knowinjury.org.au/know/injury-topics/violence/)

**OurWatch** | [www.ourwatch.org.au/](http://www.ourwatch.org.au/)  
**Stop it at the Start campaign** | [www.respect.gov.au/](http://www.respect.gov.au/)  
**Women's Council of WA** | [www.womenscouncil.com.au/](http://www.womenscouncil.com.au/)

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1. Australian Bureau of Statistics. Personal Safety Survey. 4906.0 - Personal Safety Australia 2016 (2017).
2. Australian Bureau of Statistics (2018b). Proportion and total number of assault victims who were victims of family and domestic violence-related assault, selected states and territories, 2017.
3. Australian Bureau of Statistics. Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia, 2017. (2018).