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REPORT DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Police, Fire, Ambulance Triple Zero (000) in an emergency

Domestic and Family Violence legislation in NSW protects people in intimate relationships. Same sex intimate partners are treated equally under NSW law.

You can contact police by phone or in person at your local Police Station.

Local police: _____

Phone: _____

Police encourage you to report incidents of domestic and family violence as soon as possible. You may be asked to provide a statement about what happened and give consent to have other evidence gathered, for example, photos of injuries.



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Bring Violence
out of the
Closet

When you report violence to the police, the officer will:

- Be professional, courteous and cognisant of diverse sexualities, intersex and/or gender identities
- Take initial enquiries over the counter but find a suitable, more private location to take more detailed information
- Record the incident on the police database
- Review any recorded history
- Provide you with information including referrals to support services
- Take necessary action which may include laying charges against the offender and/or applying for an AVO (Apprehended Violence Order) if police have fears for your safety and believe grounds for an order exist.

The NSW Police Force is committed to the protection of all victims of domestic and family violence, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) people.

Police will seek the services of a professional accredited interpreter for a language other than English or Auslan if required.

Any police officer, at any Local Area Command, (LAC) can take a report of domestic and/or family violence, wherever that violence occurred.

Domestic Violence Liaison Officers (DVLOs) undergo additional training and assist officers in their LAC with domestic violence matters. Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers (GLLOs) receive additional training to assist officers in their LAC understand the needs of people from GLBTI communities.

For example, a GLLO may assist by providing accurate and up to date referral information to support GLBTI victims of violence.

The NSW Police Force works in close partnership with key GLBTI services to provide a comprehensive response to domestic and family violence within GLBTI communities.

The NSW Police Force plays a key role on the LGBTIQ Domestic Violence Interagency, a group of government and non government agencies working together to respond to the range of issues surrounding domestic and family violence affecting LGBTIQ people. For more information on domestic and family violence and LGBTIQ communities, refer to:
www.anothercloset.com.au

Key services include:

- ACON's LGBTI Domestic Violence Project
www.acon.org.au/anti-violence
- The Safe Relationships Project (LGBTI domestic violence court assistance) www.iclc.org.au/srp
- The Transgender Anti-Violence Project (TAVP) www.tavp.org.au and The Gender Centre
www.gendercentre.org.au
- The Inner City Legal Centre
www.iclc.org.au
- The Domestic Violence Line
1800 656 463 (TTY 1800 671 442)
- 1800RESPECT National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service
1800 737 732
www.1800respect.org.au