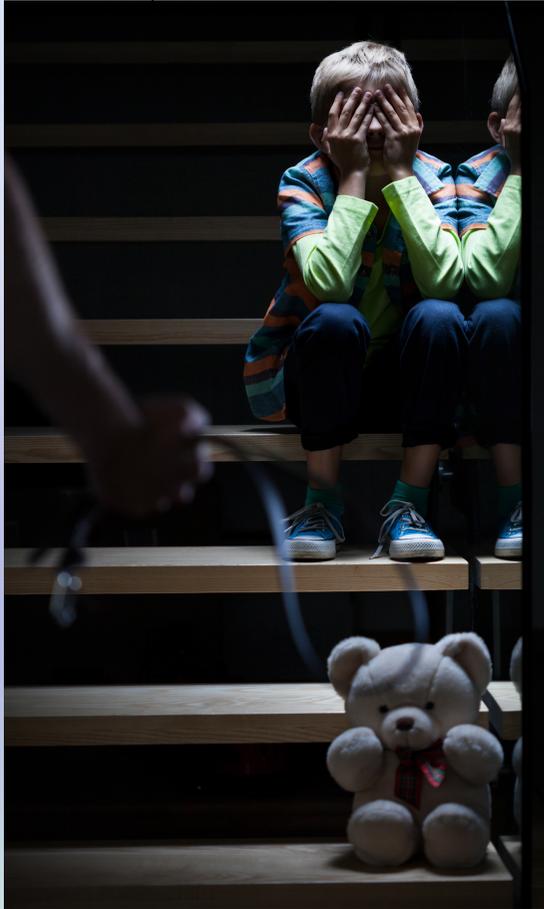


# Keeping Family Violence In Sight During Coronavirus



“We know there’s an increased risk of family violence during the pandemic, which is why we want to ensure every single Victorian can access the services and support they need.”

“I also want to be clear: even with Stay at Home restrictions in place, if you need to leave a violent situation, you can – and you will not be fined.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of  
Family Violence Gabrielle Williams

The image features four hands, two at the top and two at the bottom, reaching towards the center. The top hands are positioned as if they are about to grasp something, while the bottom hands are open and facing upwards. The background is a soft gradient of colors, transitioning from light blue at the top to light green at the bottom. A thin black grid is overlaid on the background, with vertical lines passing through the hands and a horizontal line passing through the text.

# Addressing family violence takes courage.

*Let's be courageous in our journey.*

*Don't be afraid !*



# Follow My Lead.....

Family Violence is an injustice and is **an offence to my dignity**, compromising my safety and undermining my wellbeing... and the dignity and wellbeing of the people I care for and who care for me.

How you and I view things **is personal and unique** and can change over time.

I would like you to understand that **I know my world best**; what it has been, what it is now and what it might become.

This is a map of my world: it's complex.

I know you want to help but if you oversimplify my world so that you can feel you understand, you lose sight of **my challenges and my capacities.**' (Victim impact statement)

# Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework (MARAM)

The Victorian Government **is implementing a range of interrelated reforms** across justice, education, health and human services.

Sets out responsibilities of different workforces in **identifying, assessing and managing family violence risk.**

Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme (FVISS)  
Enables authorised organisations to **share information to facilitate assessment and management of family violence risk.**

Child Information Sharing Scheme (CISS)  
Enables authorised organisations to **share information to promote the wellbeing or safety of children.**

# Shared Understanding of Family Violence

Family violence is a **pattern of coercive control**.

Perpetrators employ behaviours that **control and dominate** a family member and **cause them to fear** for their own or another person's safety or wellbeing.

Children can be impacted just as much as adults.

Family violence presents across a spectrum of risk severity, and a spectrum of degree of harm and impact on those experiencing it.

( Evan Stark: Coercive Control: How men entrap women in personal life.)



# Keeping perpetrators in View & Accountable

Providing consistent information and messaging that violence is not tolerated or accepted

Recognising and rejecting attempts by perpetrators to seek collusion

Identifying, assessing and sharing information about risk, including contributing to the monitoring of perpetrators behaviours

Supporting perpetrators to engage in behaviour change or other effective interventions

Report criminal offences (in partnership with the victim-survivor)

Seek,  
information &  
support

*"The effects of abuse are devastating and far-reaching. Domestic violence speaks many languages, has many colours and lives in many different communities."*

Sandra Pupatello

# Course of action



## <sup>01.</sup> Monitor risk and safety

Continuously monitor any risk and safety issues.

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## <sup>02.</sup> Keep track of any incidence of family violence

Photos, text messages, emails, who was present etc.

The more details the better.

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## <sup>03.</sup> Engage Support services

Information or support regarding legal requirements, accommodation, health, wellbeing and financial

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## <sup>04</sup> Create a safety plan

Helps to minimise the impact of family violence by planning for your safety when a person uses violence, threats, intimidation or force to control or coerce a family.

# Talk to

Feel free to reach out to the following:

**Kids Helpline**  
**Private and**  
**confidential 24/7**  
**phone and online**  
**counselling service**  
**for young people**  
**aged 5 to 25.**

**Ph: 1800 55 1800**

If you feel unsafe or are concerned for someone's safety, please call **000** or contact the police

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For confidential crisis support, information and accommodation please call the safe steps 24/7 family violence response line on **1800 015 188**.

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For confidential phone help and referral in Australia, please contact 1800RESPECT, the National Sexual Assault, Family and Domestic Violence Counselling Line on **1800 737 732**

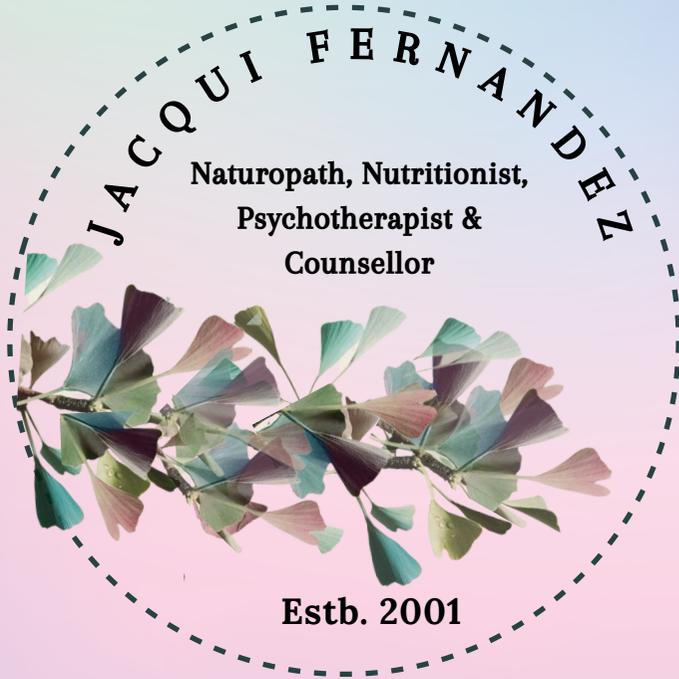
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For a specialist LGBTIQ family violence service, please contact w|respect on 1800 LGBTIQ (**1800 542 847**)

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Men's Referral Service Free, confidential expert support for people at risk of using family violence. Ph **1300 766 491** (8am to 9pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday)

Welcome  
how can I help you?



**For Further information or appointment**

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