



## Nobody deserves to be abused

- Domestic abuse is the most common form of abuse in Australia
- Therefore many women are at risk at some time in their lives, even in Jewish homes
- If it happens once, it will probably happen again
- Children are affected by domestic violence

JewishCare is able to provide services to support families with domestic violence issues through the generosity of a private JCA Endowment Fund.



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# JewishCare

## Who to contact?

FirstCall JewishCare

1300 133 660

or email [dv@jewishcare.com.au](mailto:dv@jewishcare.com.au)

## JewishCare provides

- Services for children and families
- Mental health services
- Information about community services, referral and case work
- Community aged care for older people living in their homes
- Services for people with disabilities

Bequests and donations are a vital part of our funding. Make a significant difference to someone in need.

**Please call Maureen on 9302 8003**

JewishCare is a member of the JCA family of organisations



# JewishCare Domestic Violence



Support, prevention  
and awareness



## What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is any form of abusive behaviour that seeks to gain and maintain control over another person's life.

These behaviours can include

- **Physical abuse** – punching, hitting, kicking, pushing, slapping, choking or the use of weapons
- **Psychological and emotional abuse** – verbal abuse which threatens, degrades or insults you or people, family or pets that you love; threats of violence or death, intimidation, harassment and stalking
- **Social isolation** – being stopped from seeing friends and family
- **Sexual abuse** - being forced to engage in sexual acts, indecent assault; being forced to look at pornography
- **Financial abuse** – having no access to, or control over money and other resources; being forced to live without money

## What is JewishCare's Domestic Violence program?

It is a free and confidential service.

There are two main aims of this program.

- Provision of casework and counselling to women and children who have been victims of domestic abuse
- To reduce the prevalence of domestic violence in the Jewish community through early intervention, education

## What can the program provide?

- Emotional support
- Counselling
- Advocacy
- Referral to legal services
- Court support
- Financial assistance
- Referral to housing services
- A culturally sensitive service
- Community education

## Getting help can ...

- Support a family to develop a safety plan in order to provide a safer living environment
- Offer emotional support and help to plan for the future
- Build on the strengths of the family
- Assure the family that they are not alone
- Help a family to navigate through the legal system
- Find emergency accommodation for women and children affected by domestic violence

JewishCare is dedicated to empowering women who are experiencing domestic violence by assisting them to make full and informed decisions and choices about their lives and the lives of their children.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME AND IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW.  
IT IS NOT A PRIVATE FAMILY MATTER TO BE SUFFERED IN SILENCE.**

