



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.

The Opening Closed Doors project has been funded by the Australian Government's Domestic Violence and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Initiative through the Office for Women



Who to contact?

FirstCall JewishCare
1300 133 660

or email 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 8000

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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 and harassment
- Social isolation – being stopped from seeing friends and family
- Sexual abuse - being forced to have sex (rape) 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
- Stalking



What is JewishCare's Domestic Violence program?

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 and the **Opening Closed Door Project**.

What can the program provide?

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

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



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