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Family violence safety notice



Easy English



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**

- we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book

- know what this book is about

- find more information.





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About this book

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This book is about

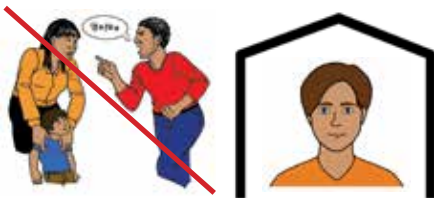
family violence safety notices.

In this book we will call it a notice.



A notice

- can be made by police before an **intervention order** is asked for



- can help keep someone safe from **family violence.**



An intervention order is a list of rules made by the court that the person on the order **must** follow.

Family violence is when a person hurts someone in their family.



Family violence can be

- **physical.**

When a person

- hurts someone
- is rough with someone.



- **sexual.**

When a person

- makes someone have sex with them when they do **not** want to
- touches someone's private parts when they do **not** want them to.



- **verbal.**

When a person says things that make someone feel

- bad about themselves
- afraid.



- **financial.**

When a person

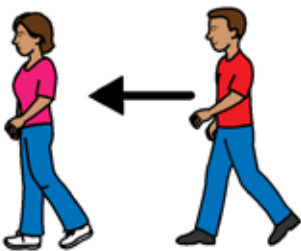
- spends someone's money and does **not** ask them
- does **not** let their family use their own money for things.



- **social.**

When a person stops someone from

- going out
- seeing their family and friends.



- **stalking.**

When a person

- follows someone
- contacts someone all of the time.



It is also family violence when children

- hear a family member hurting someone



- see a family member being violent

- know about the violence.



Even if a family member tries to hide family violence children can

- know about it



- be hurt by it.



Family violence is **not** ok.

No one should be hurt or feel afraid.

What is a notice?



A notice is a list of rules that a **respondent** **must** follow.



A respondent is a person who

- may have used family violence

and



- is being **investigated** by police.



Investigated means the police work out

- what has happened
- why it has happened
- who has done something wrong
- if a crime has happened.



As soon as the police give a respondent a notice the respondent **must** follow its rules.

If a respondent does **not** follow the rules on the notice



- they are breaking the law
- they can be arrested by the police.

How a notice is made



The police will make a notice if they think the respondent might hurt someone in their family.



A family member can ask police to make a notice if they do **not** feel safe.



If a family member does **not** want the police to make a notice

- the police can still make a notice so the family member is safe
- the police will tell the respondent that the police chose to make the notice.

Things the respondent can not do

If a box is ticked a respondent can **not**



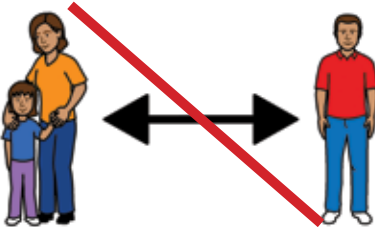
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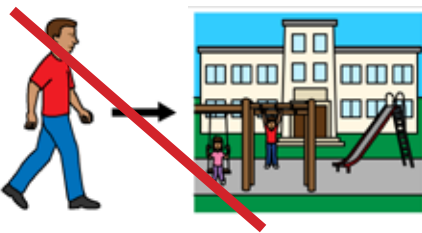
go to their family home



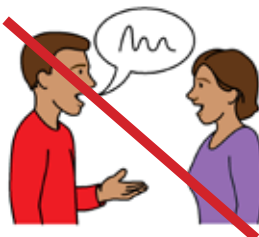
contact a family member who is on the notice in any way unless the police are with them



be near a family member who is on the notice



be near a house, school, or job where a family member who is on the notice goes



ask someone else to do something that breaks the notice rules.

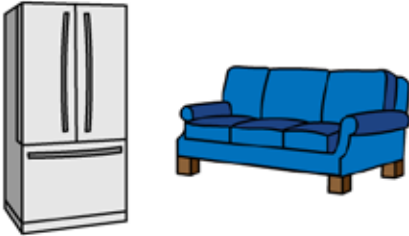
Things the respondent must do

If a box is ticked a respondent **must**



give back anything they have that belongs to family members

give back anything that helps family members live like they normally would.



For example a fridge or couch.

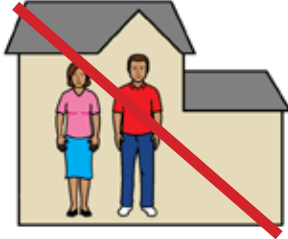
Things the respondent can do

If a box is ticked a respondent can



go to their family home with police to get items they are allowed to take away with them.

If the respondent needs to leave their family home



The police can make a rule in a notice so the respondent

- can **not** live in the family home



- can **not** go to the family home.

If the police make this rule the respondent **must** follow the rule until they go to court.



The respondent could be arrested if

- they do **not** leave the family home



- they go back to the family home.

If the respondent has nowhere to stay the police will try to help.

Crisis Accommodation can help the respondent find somewhere to stay.

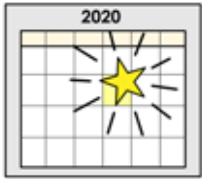
Call 1800 825 955



When you go to court



A notice will also have a **summons** for the respondent.



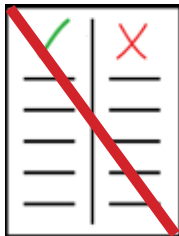
A summons tells a respondent

- when they need to go to court for the first time
- where to go to court.



At court the **magistrate** will choose

- if a family violence intervention order will be made



- if **no** intervention order will be made.

A magistrate is a judge in court who will

- ask questions
- make legal decisions.



A respondent **must** follow the rules of the notice until the magistrate chooses if they will make an order.

Where to get help



An **Independent Third Person** is someone who can help you understand what is happening.

Call 1300 309 337

Go to www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au



1800RESPECT

If you need help or someone to talk to about family violence contact 1800RESPECT.

Call 1800 737 732

Go to www.1800respect.org.au



More information

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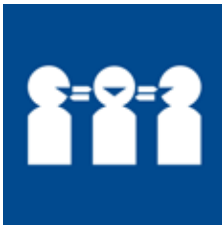
Police Assistance Line 131 444



In an emergency call 000



Go to www.police.vic.gov.au



An **Interpreter** is a person who changes your words from one language to another.

For example, Vietnamese to English.

Call 131 450

Go to www.tisnational.gov.au



If you need help to speak or listen

Contact Victoria Police through the National Relay Service or NRS.

Call the NRS help desk

1800 555 660

Go to the NRS website

communications.gov.au/accesshub/nrs

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