

USEFUL CONTACTS & LINKS FOR RURAL & ISOLATED WORKERS

DVCoconnect
(24hrs, 7 days)
Womensline: 1800 811 811
Mensline: 1800600636
www.dvconnect.org

Nawamba House—Women's Shelter Mt Isa
4743 0440 - 24hrs, 7 days

Sera's Women's Shelter Townsville
(24hrs, 7 days)
Via DV Connect Women's Line-1800 811 811

Womens Centre
07 4775 7555

North Queensland Women's Legal Service
Townsville: 07 4772 5400
Cairns: 07 4041 0066
www.nqwls.com.au

ATSI Women's Legal Service NQ
1800 082 600

Indigenous Family Violence Legal Outreach Unit
(IFVLOU)
Serving Palm Island, Charters Towers, Hughenden, and
Richmond.
1800 142 405

Family Court Townsville
07 4722 9333


Women's Infolink
1800 177 577
www.women.qld.gov.au/applications/FindAService

Queensland Police Domestic Violence Information
www.police.gov.au/programs/crimeprevention/dv/

Queensland Department of Communities
www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/violenceprevention

NQDVRS provides:

- Information & referral
- Community education and training
- Resources
- Court Support
- Aardvarc program for children
- Men's behavior change programs



"Rural women do not have the opportunities for access to health and family support agencies. Rural families are also under-served in the area of specialist agencies which deal with domestic violence."

(National Committee on Violence Against Women, 1992).



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Against Violence #12


RURAL & ISOLATED WORKERS

*Assistance with dealing
with domestic & family
violence*




NORTH QUEENSLAND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE SERVICE (NQDVRS)

Funded by the QLD Dept of Communities.



"For a rural woman who experiences violence from her partner, both geographical distance and a fear of a lack of confidentiality, can work to keep her socially isolated".

Office of the Status of Women, 1997.



INFORMATION FOR RURAL AND ISOLATED WORKERS

What is Domestic Violence?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS ABOUT POWER AND CONTROL, ONE PARTNER USES ONE OR MORE FORMS OF VIOLENCE TO CONTROL HIS OR HER PARTNER. FORMS OF VIOLENCE INCLUDE:

- Physical
- Emotional/psychological
- Verbal
- Financial
- Sexual
- Social
- Spiritual

Resources Available:

- The staff at NQDVRS are available for information, training and referral.
- Staff can assist with protection order applications over the phone or by email.
- Resources produced by NQDVRS which can be posted or downloaded from our website at:
<http://www.nqdvrs.org.au>
- Other relevant brochures and posters.
- Videos and library use while in Townsville



Domestic and Family Violence Legislation.

Domestic and family violence is abusive behavior used by one person to exert power and control over another person within a domestic relationship. Domestic and family violence is defined in the act as;

- Willful injury
- Willful damage
- Intimidation and harassment
- Indecent behavior
- A threat to commit one of the acts mentioned above.

Who is protected under the Domestic and Family Violence Legislation?

Each of the following relationships is able to apply for protection under this legislation:

- Spousal relationships
- Intimate personal relationships
- Family relationships
- Informal care relationships.

We understand that not all workers are familiar with protection order applications. The NQDVRS can assist by helping to do protection order applications over the phone. If you are able to supply your client with access to a telephone we could do the protection order statement over the phone and email or fax it to your organization.

We are also able to supply information about the court process and hearings.

We are available for any enquiries that you may have. Regarding domestic & family violence.

Information About Domestic Violence Protection Orders

A domestic violence order is an order made by the Court that includes conditions that restricts a violent person's behavior to others.

- Protection Orders are a civil matter, the order is not a criminal charge.
- Protection orders are legally binding, and breaches of the order are a criminal offence.
- Domestic Violence Court is a closed court with the exception of court support workers who are there to support the aggrieved. In the event of a court not having support for the aggrieved, you as a support worker, should be allowed to play a court support role with the permission of the magistrate. Members of the public will not be admitted into the closed court.
- You can still live together and have a protection order.
- Temporary or interim protection orders can be made.
- The police can prepare a protection order application on behalf of an abused person.
- You can change conditions on a protection order to suit your circumstances by using a form called "Application to Revoke or Vary a Domestic Violence Order".
- You can add children, family & friends to a protection order.