

Domestic Violence  
is a crime and is  
punishable by law!

Domestic Violence  
Resource Service  
(Mackay & Region) Inc

For Legal Advice

Legal Aid QLD .....1300 651 188  
ATSIC Legal Aid .....(07) 4953 4058  
North Qld Women's  
Legal Service .....1800 244 504

Information about court date:

Mackay Magistrates Court.....(07) 4967 0711  
Statements for Hearings &  
Police inquiries:.....(07) 4968 3534

Court Assistance, Counselling,  
Information & Referral:

Domestic Violence Resource  
Service Mackay & Region (DVRS)  
.....(07) 4957 3888

We assist at the Mackay, Moranbah and Sarina  
Courthouses. Please contact us  
for further information.

Please contact the  
Domestic Violence Resource Service  
(Mackay & Region) Inc.

Ph: 07 4957 3888

Fax: 07 4957 3984

Email:

[admin@domesticviolenceservice.com.au](mailto:admin@domesticviolenceservice.com.au)

**DV CONNECT**

1800 811 811 (free call)

Confidential 24 hour crisis line

Support/ Information/ Referral

**Or in an emergency;**

Police/ Ambulance  
Telephone: 000



*Domestic Violence  
Court Support*

**A free service for women  
experiencing domestic violence.**

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## What is court assistance?

It is a service designed to encourage and assist female survivors of domestic and family violence to access the justice system to protect themselves from further violence.

### Its Key Aims Are:

- **To assist women to access the court system applying for Domestic Violence Protection Orders.**
- **To provide women with advocacy and information when they are applying for Domestic Violence Protection Orders.**
- **To provide women with appropriate referrals so that they can take action to deal with the consequences of domestic violence.**

The program also aims to work with court staff, legal professionals, police, community workers and others to improve the processes involved in obtaining Domestic Violence Protection Orders

## How can you access court assistance?

You can contact a worker prior to going to court by phoning the Domestic Violence Resource Service (Mackay & Region) Inc. on (07) 4957 3888. Or you can ask a member of the court staff to direct you to a domestic violence court assistant at court on the day that your matter is listed.

## What will the court assistant worker do?

### A court assistant will:

- Talk to you about your Domestic Violence Protection Order and your options.
- Where appropriate, ensure that the Domestic Violence Protection Order is tailored to meet your circumstances.
- Go with you to court and assist you through the court process.
- Refer you to services that can assist you; such as housing, Centrelink or counselling.

## Court Proceedings at Mackay Magistrates Court

- At 8.45am each day applications for Domestic Violence Protection Orders are listed at the Mackay Magistrates Court.
- A worker trained in court assistance will be available at the court waiting area from 8.45am each day to provide assistance.
- In the majority of the domestic violence matters, the Police Prosecutor can represent the victim.
- Brochures about support agencies and their location are available in the Registry Office.

**Our Contact Phone number is (07) 4957 3888.**

