

DO YOU FEEL SAFE?

APPREHENDED VIOLENCE ORDERS



WHAT IS AN AVO?

An Apprehended Violence Order or AVO is an order made by the police or a court to protect someone who fears for their safety.

An AVO will prohibit a person from doing certain behaviour, including assaulting, harassing, threatening, stalking or intimidating you, or destroying your property.

TYPES OF AVOS

Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO):

- To protect a person from violence that is committed by someone that you have (or used to have) a domestic relationship with, like a husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend, or a family member.

Apprehended Personal Violence Order (APVO):

- To protect a person from someone you don't have a domestic relationship with, like a neighbour, co-worker, or friend.



HOW TO GET AN AVO

You can contact the NSW Police and a police officer may apply for an AVO on your behalf, or

You can apply on your own at your Local Court. It is a good idea to get legal advice before applying on your own.

WHERE TO GET HELP

If you feel unsafe at home, you can call police for help on 131 444, or 000 in an emergency.

For free information, referrals, and counselling at any time, day or night about Domestic Violence, you can call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732.

For free legal help, you can contact the Multicultural Legal Service.



Contact the Multicultural Legal Service at the Western Sydney Community Legal Centre Ltd.



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