

Safe Steps

# What is a Family Violence Intervention Order?

Easy English



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This booklet is about Family Violence Intervention Orders.



You can ask someone you know and trust to help you read this.

The person could be a:

- Case manager
- Worker from a Family and Domestic Violence Service
- NDIS Support Coordinator
- Support worker
- Friend or relative

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**Bold**

We have written some words in **bold**.

On page 7 and 8 we explain what the words in **bold** mean.



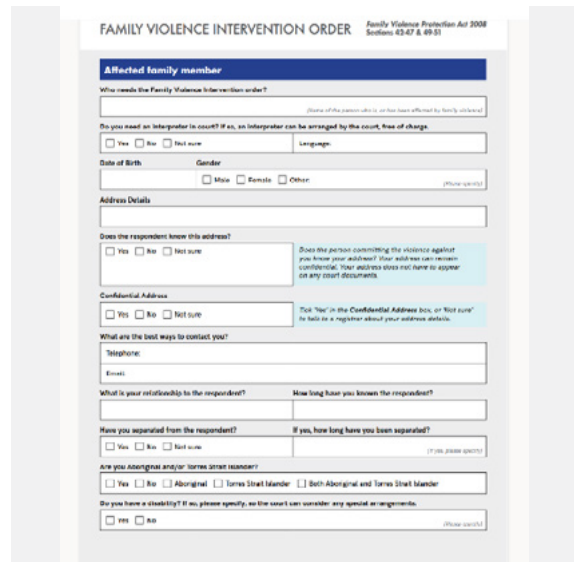
The rights of the person with a disability needs to be upheld at all times.

# What is a Family Violence Intervention Order?

A **Family Violence** Intervention Order (FVIO) is a **court order**.

It is sometimes also called a:

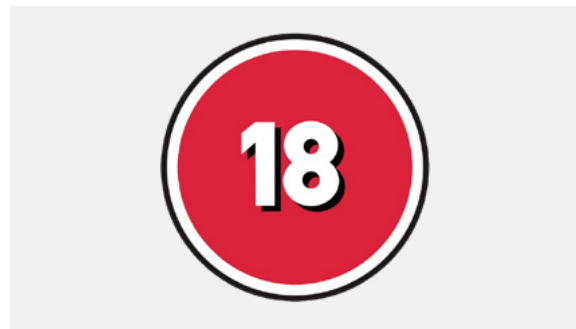
- Domestic Violence order (DVO)
- or
- Apprehended Violence Order (AVO)
- or
- Intervention Violence Order (IVO)



The image shows a screenshot of a 'FAMILY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION ORDER' form. The form is titled 'Affected family member' and includes various sections for providing personal and contact information. Key sections include: 'Who needs the Family Violence Intervention order?', 'Do you need an interpreter in court?', 'Address Details', 'Does the respondent know this address?', 'Confidential Address', 'What are the best ways to contact you?', 'What is your relationship to the respondent?', 'How long have you known the respondent?', 'Have you separated from the respondent?', 'Are you Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?', and 'Do you have a disability?'. The form contains several checkboxes and text input fields.

Who can apply for a Family Violence Intervention Order?

- People who are 18 years old or older
- The police



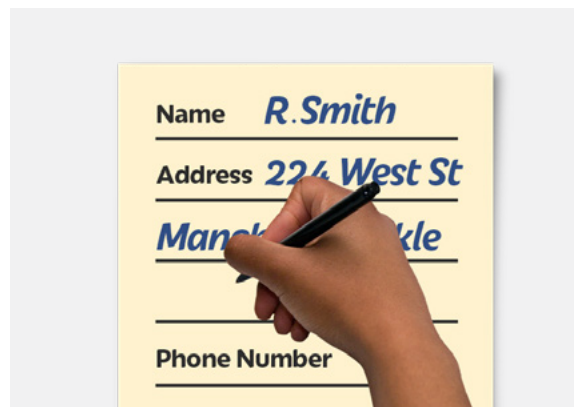
How do you apply for a FVIO?

- You need to contact the Magistrates' Court and
- Let them know what happened



- They will give you a family violence form
- You need to fill out this form

You can ask someone you trust to help you fill out the family violence form.



The **court registrar**

- Can also help you fill out the form and
- Interview you



The FVIO lists what the person using violence can and can't do.



This could be:

- Not to hurt you



- Not to threaten you  
or
- Not to verbally abuse you



- Not to send or email you abusive or threatening pictures



- Not to stalk you



- Not to **financially abuse** you



- Not to **vandalise**:
  - Your home
  - or
  - Things that belong to you



- Not to go near your
  - Home
  - or
  - Workplace
  - or
  - Your child's school or childcare



- Not to talk, text or email you
- or
- Not to get other people to do these things



These things are called exclusion conditions in an FVIO.

If the person using violence does any of these things it is called breaching a FVIO.

Breaching a FVIO is against the law.

If this happens, the police could:

- Charge the person
- or
- Arrest the person





The person could:

- Be fined
- or
- Go to jail



It is the Magistrate's job to decide when the FVIO will end.



# Word List

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**Abuse**

Bad things a person does to you.

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**Breach**

Disobey, break the rules of the FVIO.

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**Conditions**

Rules.

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**Court Order**

A paper written by a judge saying what someone can and cannot do.

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**Court Registrar**

The person who does the office tasks for the court. Tasks like:

- Answering the phone and emails
  - Helping people fill out court forms
  - Collecting the court forms for the Magistrate
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**Exclusion**

Not allowed to do something.

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It is a behaviour that:

- Hurts you
- or
- Makes you feel scared or unsafe.

**Family  
Violence**

The person doing this could be:

- A family member
- or
- Someone caring for you
- or
- Other people you live with

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**Financial  
Abuse**

Someone controlling your money without your permission.

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**Magistrate**

A person who is the judge.

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