# Family Violence Virtual Candlelight Vigil

# 6pm - 6.30pm Wednesday 5 May 2021

An evening of reflection and remembrance for those who have died as a result of family and domestic violence.

### With

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#### Family violence in Australia

- 1 in 4 women have experienced violence by an intimate partner since the age of 15. [ABS 2016]
- Domestic or family violence is the single largest driver of homelessness for women.
  [AIHW 2016–17]
- On average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner. [AIC 2017]

#### Violence and abuse at home is never okay

Domestic and family violence can happen in any family, to anyone. If your partner, or any other family member, is behaving in a way that makes you fear for your safety or the safety of your children, support is available. Specialist services like Safe Steps (Victoria) and 1800RESPECT (National) can help you understand your family violence risks, explore safety options and make referrals to services that exist to meet your specific and individual needs.

## Register for this online event at bit.ly/lightacandle2021



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