

Do you need assistance?

If you or someone you know is experiencing family and domestic violence, call the **Safe Steps** FREE 24/7 crisis support service on **1800 015 188** to speak to a Family Violence Crisis Specialist.

If you have a speech or hearing impairment contact the National Relay Service on **1800 555 690** and ask for **1800 015 188**.

If you need a language interpreter phone **131 450**.

For more information about **Safe Steps** and the Disability Family Violence Crisis Response Initiative (DFVCRI) visit our website at **safesteps.org.au**.

This brochure is available in alternate formats. For an accessible version, email **disability@safesteps.org.au** and for other language options go to **safesteps.org.au**.

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7 days a week on

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Email: **safesteps@safesteps.org.au**

Livechat: **safesteps.org.au/live-chat**

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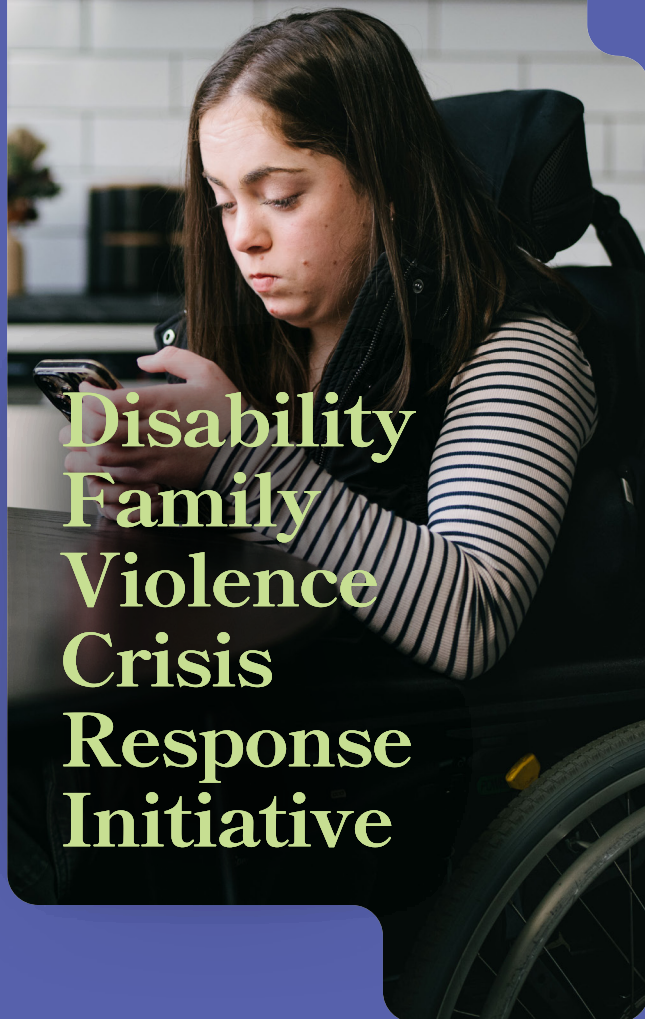
Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria, the land on which our services are delivered. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their culture, and Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the First Peoples' right to self-determination and to continuing their connection to lands, waters, and communities.



Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre recognise and respect people of all genders, sexes, and sexualities. We are committed to improving access and inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual people seeking our support and are dedicated to ongoing improvement in being a safe and inclusive service and workplace for those in the LGBTIQ+ community.

Safe Steps

Disability
Family
Violence
Crisis
Response
Initiative





About the initiative

Safe Steps Disability and Family Violence Crisis Response Initiative (DFVCRI) aims to assist adults and children with disabilities who are experiencing family violence.

We understand that adults and children with disabilities often face additional barriers when escaping family violence and finding safety.

The Disability Family Violence Crisis Response Initiative (DFVCRI) at Safe Steps is available to those living with a disability or who have disability-related needs including mental health issues, chronic health, aging conditions or have a temporary injury resulting from family violence.

Safe Steps Family Violence Crisis Specialists can provide additional support to allow you to access crisis accommodation, refuge or stay safe in your own home.

How Safe Steps can support you

When you contact the **Safe Steps** 24/7 crisis support service on **1800 015 188** or via live chat at **safesteps.org.au/live-chat**, you will speak to one of our Family Violence Crisis Specialists.

- Information and/or referral to services that can assist
- Developing a family violence safety plan
- Assistance to stay safe at home
- Short-term family violence crisis accommodation
- Short-term funding to meet disability, illness, aging or injury related needs to escape family violence

Funding through the initiative is short-term, flexible and can meet a range of needs by covering the costs of:

- Personal support workers and carers
- Equipment – mobility walkers, wheelchairs, communication aids, etc.
- Accessible transport
- And more

