

Domestic Violence in Australia:

A National Crisis

Domestic violence is a pervasive issue in Australia, affecting individuals across all demographics. In 2024, at least 74 women were killed due to domestic violence, marking the deadliest year since 2016. Alarming, one woman is killed every four days by a current or former partner .

Key Statistics:

Prevalence: An estimated 3.8 million Australian adults (20% of the population) have experienced physical and/or sexual family and domestic violence since the age of 15 .

Western Australia: In 2023–24, over a quarter of people who received support from specialist homelessness services identified family and domestic violence as the main reason for needing help. Of those, 75% were female, and 48% were single parents with children .

Indigenous Communities: Indigenous people are 32 times more likely to be hospitalized due to family violence compared to non-Indigenous people .

Impact and Consequences:

Domestic violence extends beyond physical harm; it encompasses emotional, psychological, financial, and sexual abuse. The repercussions are profound, leading to homelessness, mental health issues, and intergenerational trauma.

Breaking the Cycle:

Addressing domestic violence requires a multifaceted approach:

Education and Awareness: Promoting respectful relationships and challenging societal norms that perpetuate violence.

Support Services: Ensuring accessible and adequately funded services for victims, including shelters, counseling, and legal assistance.

Legal Reforms: Implementing and enforcing laws that protect victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

Community Engagement: Fostering community-led initiatives to support survivors and prevent violence.

Need Help?

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, support is available:

- 1800RESPECT: National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service – 1800 737 732
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- Men's Referral Service: 1300 766 491

Remember, you are not alone, and help is available.