



Queensland Police Service

Domestic and Family Violence Doctrine

Acknowledgment of country

The Queensland Police Service respectfully acknowledges First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Queensland. We recognise their connection to land, sea and community we pay our respects to them, their cultures, and to their elders, past present and emerging.

Domestic and family violence (DFV) is a serious and complex criminal justice, health and social issue within our community. DFV is defined broadly by legislation in Queensland as when one person within a relevant relationship uses violence and/or abuse to maintain power and control over the other person. DFV disproportionately affects women and children and causes significant harm within our communities.



OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is committed to the support of all aspects of the DFV sector in the Queensland community and has a critical policing role in the prevention, disruption, response to, and investigation of DFV.

Our responsibilities, guiding principles and powers are enshrined in legislation, as well as QPS and government policy.



OUR GOAL

To contribute to the implementation and delivery of recommended reforms and initiatives for the enhancement of DFV responses, in partnership with the broader service sector and partner agencies, to achieve the vision and key outcome of national and state plans including the Queensland Government's Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-2026:

- a Queensland free from DFV
- all Queenslanders feel safe in their own homes and children can grow and develop in safe and secure environments.



OUR COMMITMENT

- promote an organisational culture that rejects DFV, respects and promotes human rights and engages community and partner agencies to prevent and reduce the harm of DFV
- continually improve and evolve our response capability, including through expansion of specialist and innovative partnership responses, enhancing use of technology, and ensuring our members have contemporary knowledge and insight of the controlling behaviours, tactics and threats employed by perpetrators
- take effective action to protect victim-survivors from DFV and support them to feel safe, in a victim-centric and trauma-informed manner which is responsive to their needs and takes account of their views and wishes, including by connecting victims to appropriate specialist support services
- work collaboratively with the DFV service sector and partner agencies to accurately assess risk, enhance victim safety and hold perpetrators to account
- improve identification of persons most in need of protection by moving to a holistic pattern-based and future focused investigative approach, recognising the cumulative effects of DFV upon victim-survivors and their children, rather than only relying on an incident-based approach
- thoroughly investigate, record, and prosecute civil and criminal domestic violence proceedings
- disrupt perpetrators through targeted and graduated interventions to prevent and end DFV.

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