How to Use this Information Sheet



When you see the word "we" it means
WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention
Association Inc.



You can get help to read this information.

You can ask a worker or someone you trust.

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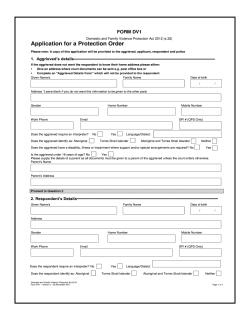
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We will explain what these words mean.

What is a Domestic Violence Order?



A **Domestic Violence Order** is a court document.

It is also called a **DVO**.

A **DVO** tries to keep a person safe from **domestic violence**.



If you want to know more about what domestic violence is, you can read –

 'You Deserve to Be Safe' booklet made by WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association.



The **aggrieved** is the person who needs protection from **domestic violence**.



The **respondent** is the person who needs to follow the rules of the **DVO**.

All **DVO**s have the rule that the **respondent** needs to be 'of good behaviour' to the **aggrieved**.



This means they are **not** allowed to use violence against the **aggrieved**.





Some **DVO**s have extra rules.

For example, the **respondent** is **not** allowed to call the **aggrieved**.



You can get help to understand what your **DVO** means.

You can call 1800 RESPECT.

They can help you find the domestic violence service closest to you.

Their number is - 1800 737 732

How do I get a DVO?



You need to fill out a form to ask for a **DVO**.

You need to give your personal details.



For example -

your name



• your address.



You will need to write what kind of domestic violence has happened to you.



When you fill out the form by yourself this is called a **private DVO**.



A domestic violence worker can help you fill out the form.

A lawyer can also help you.



Sometimes the police fill this form out for you.

This is called a **police DVO**.



The police can take out a **DVO** even if you do **not** want one.



What is a Breach?



A **breach** is when the **respondent** breaks the rules in the **DVO**.



A **DVO** is **not** a criminal charge.

A **breach** of a **DVO** is a criminal charge.

If respondent **breaches** a **DVO**, they can get –



a fine



• community service



prison time