

How can I use this service?

If you need any information about applying for an ADVO and the court process, or if you want general information about domestic and family violence you can contact WDVCS by phone or by dropping into our office.

Hours of Operation

WDVCAS operates Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. An answering machine will operate during the times workers are not available.

More Information and Support

Wagga Police Station	(02) 6922 2599
Wagga Court House	(02) 6922 0900
Wagga Family Support	(02) 6921 7544
Tumut Police Station	(02) 6947 7199
Tumut Court House	(02) 6947 2218
Young Police Station	(02) 6382 8199
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Narrandera Police Station	(02) 6959 5999
Narrandera Court House	(02) 6959 1277
Cootamundra Police Station	(02) 6942 0099
Cootamundra Court House	(02) 6942 4277

More information and support For all emergencies contact the Police on: 000

For other Police information contact the domestic violence liaison officer (DVLO) at your local Police Station.

Domestic Violence Line

24 - hour domestic violence counselling helpline
Phone: 1800 656 463 (Domestic free call)
TTY: 1800 671 442

Women's Legal Services NSW

Domestic Violence Legal Advice Line
Phone: 1800 810 784 (Domestic free call)

Women's Indigenous Legal Contact Line
Phone: 1800 639 784 (Domestic free Call)

LawAccess NSW

A free government telephone service that provides legal information, advice and referrals
Phone: 1300 888 529

Victims Services

(including support for Male victims)
Victims Access Line
24-hour information, referral and support line
Phone: 1800 633 063

Victims Services Aboriginal Contact Line
Phone: 1800 019 123 (Domestic free call)

Translating and Interpreting Service

Phone: 131 450

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Women's Domestic Violence

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A SERVICE TO ASSIST WOMEN
AT COURT WHO ARE VICTIMS OF
DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.



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What is the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS)?

WDVCAS supports women who are experiencing domestic violence. WDVCAS can provide information, advocacy, support and referral for women during the court process.

What support does WDVCAS provide?

WDVCAS can;

- explain ADVOs and how you can go about stopping domestic violence
- ensure you and your family are appropriately involved and supported throughout the criminal justice process
- attend court with you
- talk with you about your options at court and what happens after your day at court
- work with you and your children to identify your needs such as counselling, accommodation, financial issues and family law
- work with you to help improve your safety
- tell you about other services
- put you in touch with an Indigenous caseworker
- arrange for an interpreter.

When does WDVCAS operate?

The service operates each Tuesday at the Wagga Wagga local court from 9am and also once a month each court list-day at Tumut, Narrandera, Cootamundra and Young. This is when most ADVOs appear at court for the first time.

On these days WDVCAS workers will be available at court to assist women applying for ADVOs.

What is an ADVO?

An ADVO is an apprehended domestic violence order made by the court to protect a person from Domestic and Family Violence. The order places restrictions on the person who has been violent to you, your children or other family members. They must obey the order made by the court.

An ADVO is not a criminal conviction, although the person who has been violent may also have been charged with a criminal offence.

Making an ADVO does not mean that the person will have a criminal record or that they will go to gaol, but they can be charged with a criminal offence if they break or 'breach' the order.

What happens if the defendant (the person who harmed you) breaks the ADVO?

Breaking or breaching an ADVO is a crime.

The penalty for breaching an ADVO can be up to two years in gaol. The defendant must obey the order whether or not it is a final order.

How do you report a breach of an ADVO?

If you are in immediate danger, call '000' and ask for the police, or go to your local police station.

Tell the police that the defendant has breached the ADVO. It is important to report a breach as soon as you can.

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is a crime.

Domestic violence is behaviour used by a person to gain or maintain power or control over another person, with whom they are in a domestic or family relationship. It can take many forms and involves a pattern of abuse.

- Psychological and emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual assault
- Financial control
- Social control/isolation
- Stalking
- Using children to create guilt
- Using dominance over the victim
- Minimising, denying their behaviour
- Blaming someone else for their behaviour
- Intimidation and threats
- Using male privilege

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