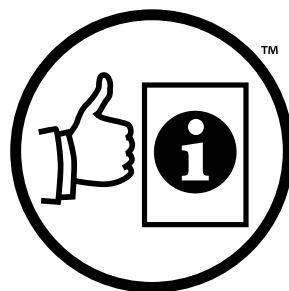


Escaping Violence Payment Program



Easy English

Hard words



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We will we write what the word means.



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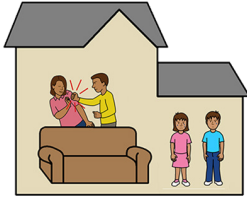
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- know what this book is about
- find more information.



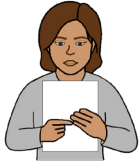
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About this book

This book is from the Uniting Care Network.



This book is about the **Escaping Violence Payment Program**.



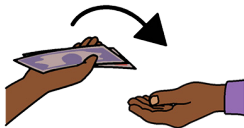
We call it **the program**.



The program can help you live in a safe place away from a **violent** partner.



Violent means someone hurts you.



This book will tell you how you can get money and support from the program.

If you need help fast



If you are in danger now call Triple Zero.

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What is violence?



People can hurt you in different ways.



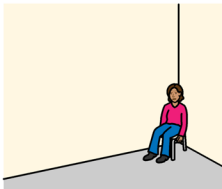
Physical violence

For example someone hits you.



Verbal violence

Someone says things to make you feel bad.



Emotional violence

For example someone makes you feel

- afraid
- like you have **no** power.



Financial violence

For example someone does **not** let you have your money or things.





Sexual violence

For example

- someone makes you have sex when you do **not** want to



- someone touches private parts when you do **not** want them to.



Stalking

Stalking is when someone targets you to make you feel scared.



For example the person might

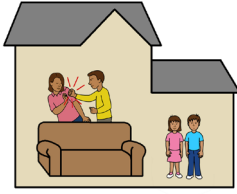
- follow you around



- text you all the time

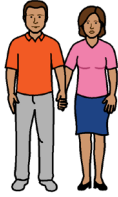


- contact you a lot on the computer.



What is the program for?

The program is for people who want to escape a violent **intimate partner**.



Intimate partner is a person you started a romantic relationship with.

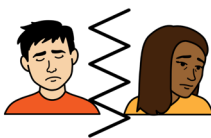


An intimate partner can be

- someone you married



- someone you are dating

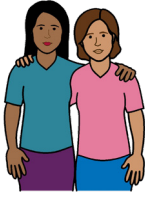


- your ex.



The program will help you live in a safe home away from violence.

Can you get help from the program?

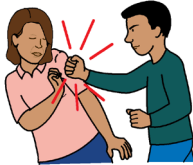


You can get help from the program if you

- are over 18 years old



- live in Australia



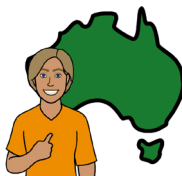
- have experienced violence from an intimate partner



- have trouble paying for life in a safe home



- have **not** used the program in the last year.



You **must** be

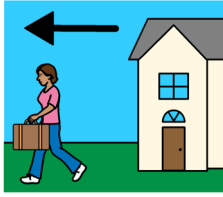
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident

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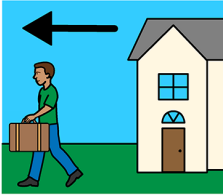
- have a protected special category visa for Australia.

You can get help from the program if **in the last 12 weeks**



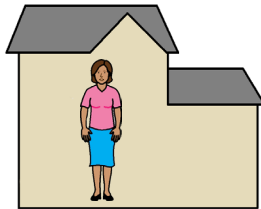
- you have left your home to escape your violent partner

or



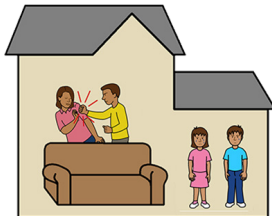
- your violent partner has left your home

or



- you have spent time in a **temporary home** after leaving your violent partner.

A temporary home is where you only stay for a short time. For example, a refuge.




The program can also help you if

- you are still living with a violent partner

and

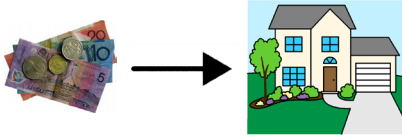
- you have a safe plan to leave your violent partner soon.

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How does the program work?

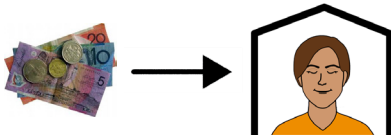


You will get money from the government.



The money can help you pay for

- rent

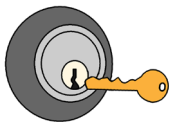


- other things you might need to be safe.



To be in a safe home you might need

- new furniture



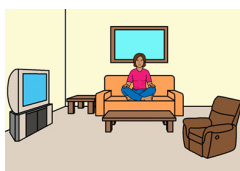
- safety locks



- new school uniforms for your children.

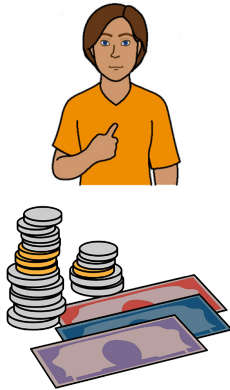


You will also get a **case worker**.



A case worker is a person who will help you to make your home safe and comfortable.

How much money can you get?



The money you can get depends on your needs.

You can get up to **5 000 dollars**.

5 000 dollars means **5 thousand** dollars.

How can you apply?



You **must** fill out a form on our website to apply.



unitingvictas.org.au/escaping-violence-payment



You can ask someone you trust to help you.

For example a friend.



You can also ask your case worker to help you if you already have one.

How fast can you get help?



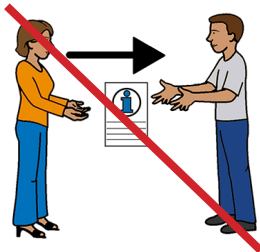
When you send us the online form we will reply within 2 work days.

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We will tell you after a few weeks if we can help you.

We will not tell anyone else

The information you give us is **confidential**.



Confidential means

- we will **not** share your information with other people
- we will **not** tell the violent person that you asked us for help.

People who can help you

1800 RESPECT



A hotline you can call at any time for help if you have a violent partner.

Call 1800 737 732

Keeping Women Safe in their Homes



A program that helps women and children live in a safe home away from violence.

Website



dss.gov.au/women-programs-services-reducing-violence/keeping-women-safe-in-their-homes

National Debt Helpline



You can get help if you have money problems because of a violent partner.



Call 1800 007 007

Australian Red Cross



You can get help if you are in Australia on a **temporary visa**.

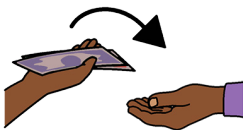
Temporary visa means you are only allowed to stay in Australia for a limited time.



Website

redcross.org.au/migration/family-and-domestic-violence-financial-assistance-program

Good Shepherd – No Interest Loans



A program where you can borrow money for free to help you in an emergency.



Website

goodshep.org.au/services/nils/



Call 13 64 57



More information

Go to our website for more information about

- the program
- how to apply.



Website

unitingvictas.org.au/escaping-violence-payment



If you do not speak English

Ask the free Translating and Interpreting Service or TIS to make a phone call for you.



Call TIS 131 450



Give the TIS officer our phone number

1800 387 387



If you need help to speak or listen

Use the National Relay Service.



Website accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk



Call 1800 555 660

Give the relay officer the phone number you want to call.

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