

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to help men, women and children whose lives have been adversely affected by domestic violence.

We will educate, advocate, support and ensure that all our clients have access to the services, resources and opportunities available to them.

We will promote our service and interact with other community organizations in order to obtain the best results for our clients.

We will lobby for changes in legislation and policy, so as to improve social conditions and allow more equitable social justice.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Police 000
- DV Hotline
1800 65 64 63
- Mensline
1300 78 99 78
- Lifeline
131114
- DOCs Helpline
132111
- Victims Support Line
1800 633 063
- Mental Health
1800 655 085
- HDVSAS
0488 246 693

Hunter Domestic Violence Support & Advisory Services Inc.

*"Support, Empowerment,
Strength"*

**"Domestic Violence can
happen in any
relationship and to
anyone"**

**For Men who are
affected by Domestic
Violence**

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Service Available 24/7

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SOCIETY'S ATTITUDES

Our society is starting to recognise and study the abuse of men by their partners in intimate relationships.

It has been shown that men, who are abused by female partners, are reluctant to admit it.

As a result a man in an abusive relationship may have these feelings:

- **Too afraid or embarrassed to tell anyone?**
- **Depressed and humiliated?**
- **Guilty about leaving their partner to cope alone?**
- **Afraid of continued violence or harassment after leaving?**
- **Fearful of losing male identity if others find out what's been going on?**
- **Worried about what will happen to the children if they leave?**

CHANGING OR LEAVING IS A PROCESS, NOT AN EVENT

It takes time to realise your relationship is abusive.

It takes time to accept a person you love, someone you thought loved you, is willing to say and do things to hurt you.

It takes time to find out if it is possible to stop the abuse.

If there are children involved, it may take time to figure out a suitable, healthy, stable environment for them to live in.

It can be slow and difficult to recognise, change, or leave an abusive relationship.

But remember you are not alone, our service will assist and support you throughout your ordeal.

The Hunter Domestic Violence Support & Advisory Services will assist men, who are or have been experiencing domestic violence.

We will support men who utilises our service in a non judgmental manner.

We will run support and educational groups to empower our clients to regain control of their life.

We will help navigate the judicial system; by way of assisting with ADVO'S and APVO'S and will support at court proceedings if required, at all times maintaining complete confidentiality.

We understand how hard it is for men in domestic violence situations to ask for assistance, please be assured we are there to "support, empower and strengthen".