

# How the Mob Copes

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- Acknowledgment
- Our Urban content
- Our Community
- Our Issues
- Our Week- my context

# Key questions of Domestic & Family Violence

- What is it?
- How does it happen?
- Where does it happen?
- When does it happen?
- Why does it happen?
- What to do!

# Feelings

- Shame
- Confusion
- Anger
- Fear
- Pain & Injury
- Kids
- Memories
- Runaway

# Need Black face to talk to & listen

- Access to Elders
- Place/ space to go
- Involve others (Church, Police, Government)
- Safe known site in city (Beenleigh Housing)

# Beenleigh Housing

- House not Office
- Smile
- Safe place
- Yard with fence & swings
- Tea, coffee & food
- Clothes, toys & furniture
- Tents, sleeping bags
- Quiet & relaxed space
- Known address & phone
- Site of community activities

- Contact points of people
- Transport accessible
- Contact point of technology (fax, email)
- Health point
- File point – Personal Documents
- Contact with Medicare, Centrelink, Legal, Schools & Job Networks
- Access to Emergency sites

- Elders meeting point
- Safety plan- mentor & support
- Music & Arts
- Men's & Women's groups

# Where?

- House
- Garage
- Shed
- Park
- Yard
- Tents
- Cars
- Shelters
- Overnight w/others
- Creek bank
- Garden shed

# Order- Domestic Violence Order

- Confusion- Directs the person to stop, no criminal record, less breach/ can go on criminal charges.
- Who can apply- You, someone else in writing, Police, Guardian, Lawyer
- Do I need a Lawyer in court
- Literacy levels to fill out forms
- Support of Police
- Prosecutors in court & court workers

# Court

- Do I go to court?
- Who hears it?
- Who will help?
- What do I say?
- What if I cant understand it?
- What happens if Breached?
- Shame to Family & friends

# Role of Police

- Duty to protect
- Duty to investigate
- OTHERS
- Role of GPs & Medical Support
- Role of Court & Legal

# Practical Actions

- Redirect mail/ post office box
- Remove name from electricity, tenancy & other documents
- Change address
- Develop Safety plan (Home, Work, School)

# Police Role- Depends on WHO

- Power to enter & search
- Take away weapons
- Stay on site
- Can press criminal charges (assault, damages)
- Take person
- Hold person for 4 hours/ apply for order
- Explain relationships & law- applies to same or opposing gender, under 18 to child protection

# Plan

- When to call Police, neighbour, family friend or community
- Where to go to from home, school, sport.
- What to do with pets?
- How do I pay? (Taxi)
- Emergency Kit (keys, phone numbers, clothes, meals, meds)
- Copy of card numbers
- Emergency phone numbers (Women & legal Advocacy services, dv connect, disability & awareness, lifeline, legal aide)

# What is Domestic & Family Violence?

- Experience of violence or abuse in spousal or family situations
- Personal relationships or Informal care
- Key issue of power over you
- Your feelings of fear
- Shame
- Criticise & humiliate you, family friends & community
- Stalking
- Demanding Money (centrelink payments)
- Repeat harassment