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Programmes for children

Please refer the following children in my family to a programme that promotes protection from domestic violence.

Child's name	Date of birth	Ethnicity

Your name

Address

Phone

Family Court where the Protection Order was granted:

Name of the respondent(s) to the Protection Order:

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Programmes for adult protected persons

Please refer me to a programme that promotes protection from domestic violence.

Your name

Address

Phone

Ethnicity

Family Court where the Protection Order was granted:

Name of the respondent(s) to the Protection Order:

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Free safety services and programmes

under the Domestic Violence Act 1995



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Safety services and programmes under the Domestic Violence Act 1995 are free and confidential. They will help you keep yourself safe and build your confidence.

Safety services

You are eligible for free and confidential safety services if:

- you are a victim of a charge related to domestic violence in a criminal court, or
- you have applied for a Protection Order through the Family Court and are waiting for a decision.

These services are for adults only and are available by phone or face to face. A service provider approved by the Ministry of Justice will:

- identify what your needs are and give you immediate safety advice
- help you plan how to deal with risks, and give you support and information about how to keep safe.

Safety programmes

If you're protected by a Protection Order, you can attend a free safety programme to help protect you from further violence.

These programmes are available for you and any children who live or stay with you.

HOW THESE PROGRAMMES HELP AND SUPPORT YOU

The programmes help you keep safe and deal with the effects of violence. They give you information about your Protection Order and about domestic violence and its effects. You can work with a group of other people who have similar experiences or on your own with the provider.

Programmes for children can help them understand and deal with violence and the effects it has on them and their family/whānau.

There are a range of programmes. They are run as group or individual sessions. Discuss your needs with the court staff so they can get the right one for you.

These programmes are different from the programme the person who has been violent or abusive is ordered to attend to help them learn to live without behaving violently.

WHO RUNS THE PROGRAMMES?

The programmes are run by service providers who know about family violence and its effects. These people have been approved by the Ministry of Justice.

They are sensitive to people's different experiences based on age, gender, culture, sexual orientation or disability.

ABOUT SAFETY PROGRAMMES FOR ADULTS

Safety programmes have 3 parts. You and your service provider can work out which parts will be best for you. The first 2 parts are the same as for safety services.

- Part 1
 - Your service provider will work with you to identify what your needs are and give you immediate safety advice.
- Part 2
 - Your service provider will help you plan how to deal with risks, and give you support and information about how to keep safe.
- Part 3
 - You can attend individual or group sessions that will:
 - tell you how a Protection Order works and what your rights are under the Order
 - give you information about domestic violence and its effects
 - help you build support for yourself among your friends, family/whānau and community
 - help you plan to keep yourself and your children safe
 - help you find ways to make positive changes in your life.

ABOUT SAFETY PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

All violence affects children, including when children see or hear violence.

Children need extra help and support to cope with what has happened in their lives. A free support programme is available for children, up to age 17, in either group or individual sessions. As there is no minimum age for a child to attend, this will be discussed with the service provider and decided on a case-by-case basis.

These programmes can help your children to:

- learn about keeping themselves safe
- understand how violence affects them
- solve problems and manage their feelings and emotions
- build confidence.

You or another caregiver can come to the programme with your children.

HOW LONG ARE THE PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE FOR?

Safety programmes are available as long as the Protection Order is in force.

Need more information?

For more information about these free safety services and programmes:

- contact your nearest Family Court
- visit the Ministry of Justice website justice.govt.nz/family/domestic-violence/safety-help-and-non-violence-courses/
- talk to your lawyer
- call us on 0800 224 733.

You can also call the family violence information line on 0800 456 450.