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## Domestic and Family Violence: the practice nurse role

Domestic and family violence includes violence against women, children, the elderly and others. It is not just physical, it includes emotional, sexual, social, spiritual, financial, verbal abuse and stalking.

In fact, one in three women attending general practice will have experienced physical, emotional and sexual abuse at the hands of their partners, (unsuspecting to you or the GPs).

There are simple measures that practice nurses can take to assist women and children experiencing family violence.

### FREE training in this area is currently available to PNs and AHWs.

Training will assist you to develop skills to deal effectively with family and domestic violence and help you to respond to this challenging area. You will be able to:

- **Recognise** the language and behaviour which may indicate a person is experiencing domestic and family violence
- **Respond** to people experiencing family violence by being able to listen, believe and validate their experience
- **Refer** patients experiencing domestic and family violence to relevant local support services
- Conduct a risk assessment
- Be aware of the regulatory requirements in relation to child protection issues
- Use appropriate interpersonal skills and general knowledge to identify and respond in an appropriate manner to domestic and family violence
- Explore issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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