



## Information about violent crime



Easy English

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## What is a violent crime?

A violent crime is when someone

- hurts you
- scares you
- makes you feel unsafe
- tries to control you.

## Types of violent crime



### Sexual crime

Someone does **or** tries to do sexual things to you that you do **not** want.

For example

- someone touches you in ways that make you feel bad
- someone shows you things that make you feel bad
- someone touches your private parts
- asks you to touch their private parts.

Private parts are a persons

- bottom
- vagina
- penis
- breasts.



You do **not** want the person to do any of these things.

The person may tell you

- **not** to tell anyone
- what they did is ok
- what they ask you to do is ok.

You did **not** want these things to happen.

## Stalking



- Someone follows you **more** than 1 time to places they know you will be.
- Someone sends you things **more** than 1 time you do **not** want. For example
  - messages on your mobile phone
  - letters in the mail.



## Armed Robbery

The robber hits you **or** hurts you

**or**

The robber makes you afraid that he will hit you **or** hurt you

**and**

the robber has a weapon.

For example, the robber has a gun **or** a knife **or** a baseball bat

**and**

the robber takes something from you.

For example

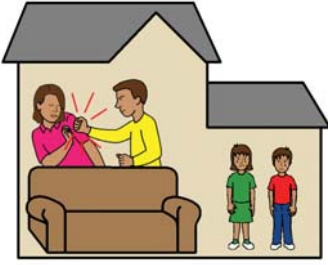
- money
- your mobile phone.



## Physical abuse

Someone

- hits you
- punches you
- burns you
- kicks you.



- **Family violence**

You are hurt by

- someone in your family
- or**
- someone you are very close to.

The person could be



- someone you are married to or living with
- your brother or sister
- your son or daughter
- someone you are very close to **and** they feel like they are family. For example, a long time carer.

The person might



- hurt you
- frighten you
- say they will hurt your family or pet
- keep your money
- **not** give you your medicine or food
- say they will leave you alone with **no** help.





## Who is a victim of violent crime?

Anyone can be a victim of violent crime.

A victim is someone who was hurt by another person.



## After a violent crime

What might happen to your body?

You might have

- cuts
- bruises
- burns
- broken bones.

How might you feel?

You might



- be very sad for a long time
- be frightened
- be confused
- **not** feel safe.



## Who does a violent crime?

Anyone can do a violent crime.

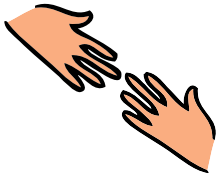
For example

- someone from your family
- a friend
- your partner
- someone you do not know
- someone who looks after you.

This might be a

- carer
- doctor
- nurse
- teacher.





## Who can help you?



Victims of Crime Helpline.

Phone 1800 819 817

or



Email [VSA@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:VSA@justice.vic.gov.au)

You can call us using the

**National Relay Service.**



- TTY users phone 1800 555 677.



- Speak and Listen users phone

1800 555 727.

We will tell you about the  
**Victim Support Service** near where you live.



The **Victims Support Service** is a service for victims of violent crime. There are people who will

- listen to you
- give you information
- help you to talk to the police.

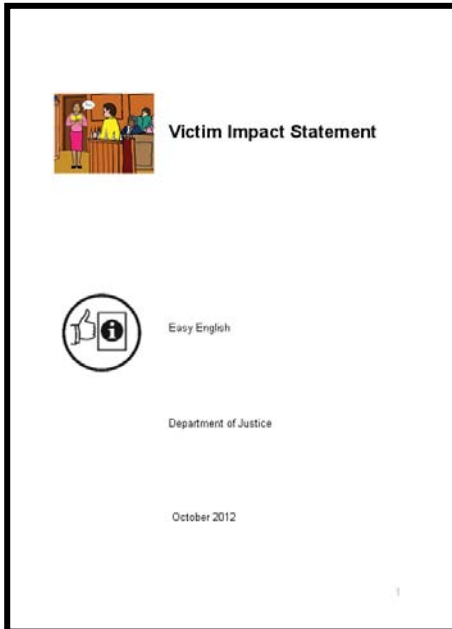


In an **emergency** call 000.

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## Other books you can ask for

### Victim Impact Statement



### Victims Register.



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