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## *Worthy Australia Media Kit*

PROVIDING SUPPORT TO WOMEN & CHILDREN  
AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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# ABOUT WORTHY

WE HAVE WORK TO DO...



## WORTHY AUSTRALIA

**Worthy Australia** is a Perth based not-for-profit organisation, founded in 2020 by Perth Nurse Jennifer McGivern.

Our aim is to assist in rebuilding the lives of women and children who are experiencing, or under threat of experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence..

All of our operations and organisational roles are proudly completed by our incredible group of volunteers.

We work closely with frontline DV services to provide the necessary tangible items and support required for disadvantaged families to safely restart their lives with dignity.



## OUR MISSION

To break the cycle of homelessness for the women and children of Perth, who have been disadvantaged by domestic violence.

## OUR SERVICES

### SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM

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Lack of financial independence is a key reason many women and children remain in domestic violence affected homes. Many women fleeing domestic violence relationships must leave in brief, opportunistic moments, with nothing but the clothes on their back. These women then find themselves in refuges or shelters with no money or means to provide for themselves or their children. **How do you start again when you have nothing to your name?** That's where **Worthy Australia** comes in. We turn empty houses into homes for women and children who are exiting domestic violence refuges or transitional housing. By driving donations in Perth's local communities we source every single item needed to rebuild their lives with love and hope. We ensure the home is beautifully presented and well-equipped with everything from furniture, white goods, appliances, bedding, toys, everything down to the toothbrushes and body wash. We let the families know that no matter their story, they are worthy of a dignified future.



## OUR SERVICES

### URGENT DONATION PROGRAM

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It's the reality of life for women & children entering refuges, that they often flee their violent situations in with no time to pack or prepare. We work closely with frontline services to provide emergency items. Whether it be a bassinet and clothing for a newborn baby, sanitary and hygiene items or monetary assistance to allow children to quickly move schools, we strive to provide our urgent donations within 24hrs. We do this by calling out to our supporters in the WA community to donate specific items. And our WA community always comes through!



*I am only one, but I am  
still one. I cannot do  
everything, but I can still  
do something...*

## OUR SERVICES

### WORTHY 101 PACKS

Every woman and child is deserving of basic hygiene items. Unfortunately these are seen as a luxury for the most vulnerable members of society. We put together our Worthy 101 packs that can be distributed to refuges, shelters, homelessness services, mental health services and to individuals on a case-by-case basis.



*FROM AN EMPTY HOUSE  
INTO A FURNISHED  
HOME...*



*How do you start again,  
when you've been left  
with nothing? Our Safe  
Haven program  
allows women and  
children to exit refuge  
without the stress of  
having to "start over"*



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## FACTS & STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN AUSTRALIA

Domestic violence (DV) is the number one cause of homelessness for women and children in Western Australia.

The research and statistics present very clear evidence that the majority of domestic violence victims are women in vulnerable positions.

Women between the ages of 25-34 years experience the highest rates of domestic violence. Within this group Indigenous women have been shown to experience DV at a higher rate than their non-indigenous counterparts. This is also the age range of Australia's highest fertility rates. Many domestic violence victims are young mothers, with young children.

These facts are the reason why our service is so **essential**.

Australian women are desperate for more support and resources. And this is why we are working so tirelessly to become a key resource. **We are needed.**



## DV: THE FACTS

**On average, one woman is killed every nine days by a current or former partner.**

DV **does not** just include physical abuse. **Coercive control** plays an integral role in creating a power imbalance in DV relationships.

Emotional abuse, verbal abuse, financial abuse, sexual abuse, harassment and stalking **are all forms of domestic violence.**

17% of adult Australian women (that's **1.6 million women**) have experienced domestic violence.

**1 in 6 women** have experienced domestic violence by the age of 15.

**1 in 5 women** have experienced sexual violence, with most aggressors being a previous or current partner.

**1 in 4 women** have experienced emotional abuse from a partner.

Domestic violence saw 82,000 people seek help from homelessness services between 2019-2020. Out of these people **79% were female.**

Western Australia experienced the **third highest rate** of domestic violence per state for 2019-2020.

When asked what type of physical abuse they suffered, female DV victims reported:

- 31 % had something **thrown** at them
- 76% were **pushed, grabbed** or **shoved**
- 28% were **kicked, bitten** or **hit with a fist**
- 21% were **choked**

Women who are single mothers, experiencing financial strain, poor health or disability and are unemployed are noted to be at higher risk of experiencing domestic violence. Association between the above and DV victims has been **strongly concluded.**

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# WORTHY SOURCES

For Further Reading

## **Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021**

Partner Violence - In Focus: Crime and Justice Statistics

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/crime-and-justice/focus-crime-and-justice-statistics/latest-release#sociodemographic-characteristics-of-women-who-have-experienced-partner-violence>

## **Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016**

Personal Safety, Australia: Statistics for family, domestic, sexual violence, physical assault, partner emotional abuse, child abuse, sexual harassment, stalking and safety

<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/crime-and-justice/personal-safety-australia/latest-release>

## **Australian Government: Institute of Health & Welfare 2018**

Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/domestic-violence/family-domestic-sexual-violence-in-australia-2018/summary>

## **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare**

Specialist homelessness services annual report

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/homelessness-services/specialist-homelessness-services-annual-report/contents/summary>

## **Australian Institute of Health and Welfare**

Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia: continuing the national story 2019

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/domestic-violence/family-domestic-sexual-violence-australia-2019/contents/summary>

