



Family Violence Intervention Orders

What is a Family Violence Intervention Order?

A Family Violence Order, also known as an Intervention Order, is a legal document issued by the court to protect individuals from family violence. It sets conditions that the respondent must adhere to, such as no contact with the protected person, staying away from the protected person's home or workplace, and other protective measures.

What Constitutes Family Violence?

Family violence is not just physical abuse. It includes (but is not limited to) emotional, psychological, and financial abuse, as well as controlling, threatening, or coercive behaviour. Family violence also covers damage to property, harm to pets, and any behaviour that causes fear for safety.

An FVIO can include conditions that prohibit the respondent from:

- ✓ Committing any further Family Violence.
- ✓ Contacting or approaching the protected person.
- ✓ Coming near the protected person's home, workplace, or school.
- ✓ Damaging property or harming pets.



Types of Orders

Interim Orders

Temporary orders issued quickly to provide immediate protection until the court can hear the full case.

Final Orders

Long-term orders issued after the court has reviewed the evidence. These orders can last for a set period or indefinitely.



Breaching an FVIO

is a criminal offence. If the respondent violates the conditions of the order, they can be arrested and face serious legal consequences

Who Can Apply?

Anyone who has experienced family violence can apply for an FVIO.

You can apply on your own behalf or on behalf of another person, like a child or someone who is unable to apply for themselves.

We can help with:

- ✓ Information & Guidance
- ✓ Assistance With Applications
- ✓ Court Representation



We have strong connections with a network of community organisations and can refer you to various services such as housing support, support workers, financial assistance, and mental health services.

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How to Apply for an FVIO

✓ Seek Immediate Help

If you are in danger, contact the police immediately. The police can issue a Family Violence Safety Notice, which provides short-term protection until you can apply for an FVIO.

✓ Apply at Court

You can apply for an FVIO at your local Magistrates' Court. You will need to fill out an application form, which includes details about the violence and why you need protection. This can be done online at www.mcv.vic.gov.au/intervention-orders

✓ Court Hearing

A Magistrate will review your application and may grant an Interim Order on the spot. A hearing date will eventually be set for the Final Order, where both parties can present their case.

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