



Coffs Coast Contact Services AVO Compliance Policy

Supervised Contact & Court Orders

Coffs Coast Contact Services strictly complies with all current Court Orders, including Apprehended Violence Orders (AVOs).

AVO Conditions Take Precedence

Where an AVO is in place, the conditions of that Order must be complied with at all times. A private agreement between parents, including agreements made through legal representatives, does not override an AVO.

Requirement for Lawful Authority

Supervised contact will only proceed where:

The AVO expressly permits contact for the purpose of supervised time with the child/ren; or

The AVO has been formally varied by the Court to allow such contact; or

Parenting Orders from the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia authorise contact and override the AVO to the extent of any inconsistency.

Written Evidence Required

The Service must be provided with a copy of all current Court Orders, including any AVOs and Parenting Orders, prior to commencement of services.

No Breach Policy

The Service will not facilitate any contact that would place a party in breach of an AVO. Breaches of an AVO are criminal offences and the Service will not participate in, or enable, any unlawful conduct.

Client Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the parties to ensure their Orders are current and legally permit supervised contact.