

Do you need assistance?

If you or someone you know is experiencing family violence, contact **Safe Steps** on **1800 015 188** or email safesteps@safesteps.org.au to speak to a family violence support worker.

If you have a speech or hearing impairment contact the National Relay Service on **1800 555 690** and ask for **1800 015 188**.

If you need a language interpreter phone **131 450**.

For more information about **Safe Steps** and the Disability Family Violence Crisis Response Initiative (DFVCR) visit our website at safesteps.org.au.

If you require this document in an accessible format, please contact Safe Steps on 1800 015 188 or email disability@safesteps.org.au.

Call Safe Steps 24 hours a day,
7 days a week on

1800 015 188

Email: safesteps@safesteps.org.au

Webchat: safesteps.org.au/chat
(Monday-Friday, 9am to midnight
except public holidays)

Visit our website: safesteps.org.au



Disability Family Violence Crisis Response Initiative



Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria, the land on which our services are delivered. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their culture, and Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the First Peoples' right to self-determination and to continuing their connection to lands, waters, and communities.



Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre recognise and respect people of all genders, sexes, and sexualities. We are committed to improving access and inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual people seeking our support and are dedicated to ongoing improvement in being a safe and inclusive service and workplace for those in the LGBTIQ+ community.



About the initiative

Safe Steps Disability and Family Violence Crisis Response Initiative (DFVCRI) aims to assist adults and children with disabilities who are experiencing family violence.

We understand that adults and children with disabilities often face additional barriers when escaping family violence and finding safety.

The Disability Family Violence Crisis Response Initiative (DFVCRI) at Safe Steps is available to those living with a disability or who have disability-related needs including mental health issues, chronic health, aging conditions or have a temporary injury resulting from family violence.

Safe Steps Family Violence Crisis Specialists can provide additional support to allow you to access crisis accommodation, refuge or stay safe in your own home.

How Safe Steps can help

Call **Safe Steps** 24/7 on **1800 015 188** or email safesteps@safesteps.org.au to talk about the support available to increase your safety, including:

- Information and/or referral to services that can assist
- Developing a family violence safety plan
- Assistance to stay safe at home
- Short-term family violence crisis accommodation
- Short-term funding to meet disability, illness, aging or injury related needs to escape family violence

Funding through the initiative is short-term, flexible and can meet a range of needs by covering the costs of:

- Personal support workers and carers
- Equipment - mobility walkers, wheelchairs, communication aids, etc.
- Accessible transport
- And more

