



Women's safety and welfare

The Government is strengthening its commitment to keep women safe at every stage of life, whether at home, online or at work.

Extending funding for critical frontline services

This Budget provides \$54.4 million in new funding for services for women affected by violence, and online safety initiatives to ensure women are safe at home, online and at work.

1800RESPECT

The Government will provide \$11.5 million over two years from 2018-19 for 1800RESPECT, a national counselling, information and referral service for all Australians, which targets sexual, domestic and family violence. 1800RESPECT is already responding to heightened demand and this funding will ensure the service is adequately resourced to meet this demand now and into the future.

DV-alert

The Government will provide \$6.7 million in 2018-19 to maintain funding for DV-alert, a national, accredited training program for community frontline workers such as teachers, early childhood educators, volunteers and medical practitioners. It assists frontline workers to recognise, respond to and refer clients experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence.

Keeping women safe from abuse

Online safety

The Government will provide \$14.2 million over four years for the eSafety Commissioner to help make cyberspace safer for women, including additional funding to combat the non-consensual sharing of intimate images, implementing a civil penalties regime and funding training for student teachers to educate children about online safety and security.

Addressing elder abuse

The Government will provide \$22 million over five years from 2017-18 to protect older Australians from abuse, including by funding trials of specialist elder abuse support services.

The Government will also work with the States and Territories to develop a national online register for enduring powers of attorney, in addition to developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse. Research suggests elder abuse may affect up to 20 per cent of elderly women.



Key initiatives to protect women and their children since 2015

Women's Safety Package

\$101.2 million in funding for practical immediate action to keep women and children safe including improving frontline support and services, leveraging innovative technologies to keep women safe, and providing educational resources to help change community attitudes to violence and abuse.

2015

National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children — Third Action Plan

\$100 million to fund the Third Action Plan, a further step in the Government's 12 year National Plan to achieve a significant and sustained reduction in violence against women and their children. The Third Action Plan includes prevention and early intervention programs, frontline services and support, and legal services to support women experiencing violence.

2016

Stop it at the Start Campaign

\$16.7 million from the Government to co-fund the national Stop it at the Start campaign with the States and Territories to tackle the attitudes that ultimately lead to violence against women and their children.

2017-18 Budget

\$65.8 million to improve outcomes for those interacting with the legal system due to domestic violence. This funds family law courts to employ more family consultants (including qualified social workers and psychologists) to provide child-focused interventions in cases where there are allegations of domestic violence. The Government also provided additional funding to Community Legal Centres which provide support for victims of domestic violence.

2017

2018-19 Budget

\$54.4 million in new funding for critical services for women affected by violence and online safety initiatives to ensure women are safe at home, online and at work.

2018

Over
\$300m