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Programmes for children

Please refer the following children in my family to a programme that promotes protection from family violence.

Child's name	Date of birth	Ethnicity

Your name

Address

Phone

Family Court where the Protection Order was granted:

Name of the respondent(s) to the Protection Order:

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Programmes for adult protected persons

Please refer me to a programme that promotes protection from family violence.

Your name

Address

Phone

Family Court where the Protection Order was granted:

Name of the respondent(s) to the Protection Order:



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Free safety services and programmes

under the Family Violence Act 2018



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Safety programmes and the Strengthening Safety Service are free and confidential. They'll help you keep yourself safe and build your confidence.

Strengthening safety service

You're eligible for the free and confidential safety service if:

- you're a victim of a charge related to family violence in a criminal court, or
- you've applied for a Protection Order through the Family Court and are waiting for a decision.

This service is for adults only and is available by phone or face to face. A service provider approved by Te Tāhū o te Ture – Ministry of Justice will:

- contact you to gather information about you and your situation
- assess your level of risk and help you plan for your family's immediate or short-term safety, including what they can do to help keep you safer
- discuss any wider needs you and your family/whānau might have and link you to support services.

Safety programmes

If you're protected by a Protection Order, you can attend a free safety programme to help protect you from further violence. These programmes are available for you and any of your children who live or stay with you.

HOW THESE PROGRAMMES HELP AND SUPPORT YOU

The programmes help you keep safe and deal with the effects of violence. They give you information about your Protection Order and about family violence and its effects.

Programmes for children can help them understand and deal with violence and the effects it has on them and their family/whānau.

WHO RUNS THE PROGRAMMES?

The programmes are run by service providers who know about family violence and its effects. These providers have been approved by Te Tāhū o te Ture.

Providers are sensitive to people's different experiences based on age, gender, culture, sexual orientation or ability.

ABOUT SAFETY PROGRAMMES FOR ADULTS

Safety programmes have two main parts:

Assessment and help

The service provider will work with you to gather information about you and your situation, assess your level of risk, and look at what needs you and your family have. This could be followed by planning to help keep you safe for the immediate- or short-term, and linking you to wider support services.

This initial assessment will also give you a chance to talk to your provider about whether you or your children would also benefit from going to safety programme sessions.

Programme sessions

Most people find group programmes are best. They help you learn you're not alone in what you've experienced and can build supportive networks with others in the group. However, you can talk with the provider about whether an individual programme will help initially, to allow you some one-on-one time.

Programme sessions will:

- tell you how a Protection Order works and what your rights are under the Order
- give you information about family violence and its effects

- help you build support for yourself among your friends, family/whānau and community
- help you plan to keep yourself and your children safe
- help you find ways to make positive changes.

ABOUT SAFETY PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

All violence affects children, including when they see or hear violence. Children need extra help and support to cope with what's happened in their lives. Safety programmes are available for children aged 3 to 17 years, in group and individual settings. These programmes can help your children to:

- learn about keeping themselves safe
- understand how violence affects them
- solve problems and manage their feelings and emotions
- build confidence.

How to get access to a safety programme or service

Safety programmes are available for you and your children for as long as the Protection Order is in force. You can ask to go to a programme as many times as you need to.

Need more information?

For more information about accessing free safety services and programmes:

- contact your nearest Family Court
- go online to justice.govt.nz/family
- talk to your lawyer
- call us on 0800 224 733.

You can also call the family violence information line on 0800 456 450.