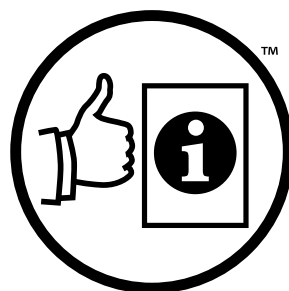


## **Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce**

**Tell us your ideas**



**Easy English**

## Hard words



This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about



- find more information.

## About this book

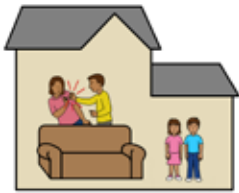
This book is from the **Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce**.



We will call it **the taskforce**.



The taskforce is a group of experts who will help the Queensland Government make things better.



The taskforce will give the government **feedback** about

- **domestic violence**



- **coercive control**

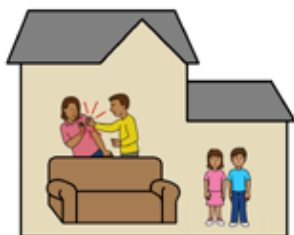


- how women feel about the criminal justice system
  - for example, the police and courts.



Feedback means information we get from people.

## What is domestic violence?



Domestic violence is when your partner, ex-partner or family member

- hurts you



- makes you feel scared



- tries to control you.

## What is coercive control?

Coercive control is when your partner, ex-partner or family member

- makes you feel scared



- tells you what to say



- tells you what to do.



Coercive control might mean a person

- takes your phone away



- reads your phone messages

- always wants to know where you are



- does **not** let you use your money



- tells you what to wear.

A person might also

- call you names and make you feel bad



- blame you for lots of things

- tell you no one will help.

## What is sexual assault?

Lots of women have been **sexually assaulted**.



Sexual assault

- means someone says or does sexual things to you that you do **not** want them to do



- is a crime.

## What we want to know

### What happened to you?



You do **not** have to tell us everything that happened if you do **not** want to.



You can tell us

- if a person tried to control or assault you



- what happened

- how you felt.

## Could you get help?



You can tell us

- if you asked someone for help



- who helped you



- if the help made things better

- what would make it easier to get help.

## How do you feel about the criminal justice system?

You can tell us how people in the criminal justice system have treated you.



For example

- police



- lawyers and Legal Aid



- courts and judges



- victim support groups



- community corrections officers
- prison staff.



## What needs to change?



You can tell us

- why women might **not** go to the police



- who could help women go to court and say what happened



- other ideas about what could be better.

## How to tell us your ideas



You can fill in a form on our website

[www.womenstaskforce.qld.gov.au/forms/make-a-submission](http://www.womenstaskforce.qld.gov.au/forms/make-a-submission)



You can send a letter to

Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce

GPO Box 149

BRISBANE QLD 4001

## Where to get help

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If you or someone you know needs help

- call 000 - if you are in serious danger or are being hurt
- call DV Connect on 1800 811 811 to make a safety plan
- call QLD State-wide Sexual Assault Helpline on 1800 010 120 to talk about sexual assault and make a safety plan
- call WWILD on 07 3262 9877 if you have intellectual or learning disabilities and need to be safe
- call People with Disabilities Australia on 1800 422 015 if you have a disability and need to be safe
- call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732 anywhere in Australia to talk about what happened and how to be safe.

## More information



For more information contact  
the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce.



Get the full information on our website

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