



Queensland Churches Together

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC FAMILY VIOLENCE SELF ASSESSMENT TOOL

Where are we at in responding to Domestic and Family Violence

Domestic and Family Violence is an area and one where specialist services play a vital role in responding to those impacted by violence. But there is also a broader role for churches and other organisations to be places of welcome, safety and support for those impacted by abuse.

Take the challenge and work through this SELF ASSESSMENT tool to check how your church is performing in this important area.

DATE _____

LEVEL 1 AWARENESS Our church is aware of domestic abuse within a church context. Evidence could include:-	OUR PERFORMANCE on a scale of 1-10	WHAT DO WE DO NOW?	WHAT ELSE COULD WE DO?	WHO WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY?
Up to date literature and or information on Domestic and Family Violence is available and prominently displayed				
A poster with a Church Charter and national, statewide or regional service contacts is displayed in the foyer and in toilets				
DFV material is included in induction material for staff and volunteers and this is regularly reviewed. Website, resources and social media include DFV information and are regularly updated.				

LEVEL 2 ENGAGEMENT We demonstrate our commitment to tackling domestic abuse within our church and in the wider community. Evidence could include:-	OUR PERFORMANCE on a scale of 1-10	WHAT DO WE DO NOW?	WHAT ELSE COULD WE DO?	WHO WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY?
Domestic and Family Violence is talked about in sermons, prayer and study groups, newsletters and especially at times of broader community awareness of this issue such as May (DV Month), International Women’s Day and the 16 Days of Activism				
We know the local service system and how to make referrals. People can easily find this information.				
We have a person or people dedicated to maintaining our information and resources and who can act as a link to local services				
Our key people engage in regular training updates				
Domestic and Family violence responses are supported by a church wide policy within the context of Professional Standards and Safeguarding and regular training is undertaken on this policy				

LEVEL 3 SUPPORT – Demonstrating a commitment and competence to support survivors and those who use or have used violence. Evidence could include:-	OUR PERFORMANCE on a scale of 1-10	WHAT DO WE DO NOW?	WHAT ELSE COULD WE DO?	WHO WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY?
Do deal safely with disclosures. We recognize, respond, refer and record and are aware of our limitations.				
Our pastoral team, clergy and other leaders undertake regular training and/or we have a Survivors Group which is resources and supported by church leaders.				
We understand the dynamic of spiritual abuse and how this can be used as an element of coercive control in an abusive relationship				
Childrens work, young people’s work, marriage preparation courses, relationship courses all have appropriate information on Domestic and Family Violence and resources for people to further their understanding.				

Contact QCT to learn more about leaflets, posters, books and training about Domestic Family Violence. Email: admin@qct.org.au