

THE VICTORIA POLICE OPTIONS MODEL

In Response to and Investigation of Family Violence

In attending a family violence incident Police must:

- Assess the immediate threat and risks
- Manage the incident
- Assess the level of future protection required.

Police must take the most appropriate course of action from one or more of the following options.

Criminal

Legal action to charge a person with an offence e.g. arrest and court appearance.

Civil

Legal action to protect rights, a non-criminal measure e.g.

- Issue a Safety Notice
- Apply for an Intervention Order
- Apply for a change to an existing order.

Referral

To support services for everyone involved.

Based on The Victoria Police Options Model. Victoria Police (2017) Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence (Edition 3 V3).

KNOWLEDGE TO ADVOCATE:

A resource for workers supporting victim survivors of family violence through the legal system www.nifvs.org.au



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