Family Violence Sector Terminology and Acronyms





Adult using Violence – An adult using family violence.

AOD – Alcohol and Other Drugs

Affected Family Member (AFM) – The person who a Family Violence Intervention Order aims to protect.

Applicant – The person applying for an Intervention Order.

Breach – Breach of an Intervention Order.

CALD – Culturally and linguistically diverse.

CASA – Centre Against Sexual Assault

CHC/S – Community health centres/services

CISS – Child Information Sharing Scheme

CLC – Community Legal Centre

Code of Practice – Victoria Police Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence

CSA – Counselling and Support Alliance

CYFA – The Children, Youth and Families Act 2005

DFFH – Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

FSV - Family Safety Victoria

FV – Family violence

FVISS - Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme

Family Violence Intervention Order (FVIO or IO) – A court order that has conditions about how the respondent can behave.

Family Violence Safety Notice (FVSN) – Victoria Police can apply for a family violence safety notice before an intervention order application is heard in court.

GP – General Practitioner

IFV - Identifying Family Violence

LGBTIQ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and gender diverse, Intersex, Queer and questioning.

LGA - Local Government Area

L17 – The Family Violence Risk Assessment and Management Report (L17) completed by Victoria Police when a family violence incident occurs. The report is used to refer to Child Protection and local specialist family violence services.

MARAM - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework

MBCP - Men's Behaviour Change Program

NEMA – North East Metropolitan Area

NIFVS – Northern Integrated Family Violence Services

NMR – Northern metropolitan region

Person using Violence – An adult or young person using family violence.

PSA – Principal Strategic Advisor

PVAW – Preventing Violence Against Women

RAMP – Risk Assessment and Management Panel

Respondent – The person named in an Intervention Order who has used family violence.

SOCIT – Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team

WWV – Week Without Violence