



## **Bankstown Domestic Violence Service**

The Bankstown Domestic Violence Service (BDVS) is a casework program that assists adult and child victims of domestic violence with support to escape and recover from the abuser. We provide support through ongoing practical and emotional needs-based casework. We aim to improve outcomes for adults and children affected by domestic and family violence.

The safety of women, children and their family are our priority.

*Please note this is a support and case management service. Our staff are very experienced in this area but are not solicitors and do not give legal advice or legal assistance. If you need legal advice you will be referred to an appropriate solicitor.*

### **Who is eligible for this service?**

Adult and child victims of domestic violence who live in the Bankstown local government area.

### **We can support you by:**

- Assisting you to identify your needs and goals
- Assisting with safety planning
- Conducting a safety audit of your home
- Supporting you through the court processes for family law matters, criminal matters and domestic violence matters
- Referring your partner to an appropriate support service
- Information and referral to appropriate services as requested or required by you such as counselling, support groups, victims support services
- Long term needs-based case management

Our services are free and confidential. We are here to support you in a non-judgmental environment.

### **How to get support from BDVS**

We accept self-referrals and referrals from local government and non-government agencies. This service is voluntary therefore we only accept referrals with the client's or family's consent.

If you need an interpreter, call us using the free Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

For more information, contact us:

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