

PEEL COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



DISCLAIMER

This is an information session only. It is not legal advice.

We recommend that you seek legal advice when looking to address any of the topics raised during this session.

LOSING CONTROL



MONEY

Are you losing control of money?

Does your partner take your wage or Centrelink income? Your partner may give you a little money back. Your partner asks for details of what you spend the money on. Does your partner say, the house is mine, the money is mine, and the car is mine?



WHERE YOU GO

Are you losing control of where you go including your place of worship and work



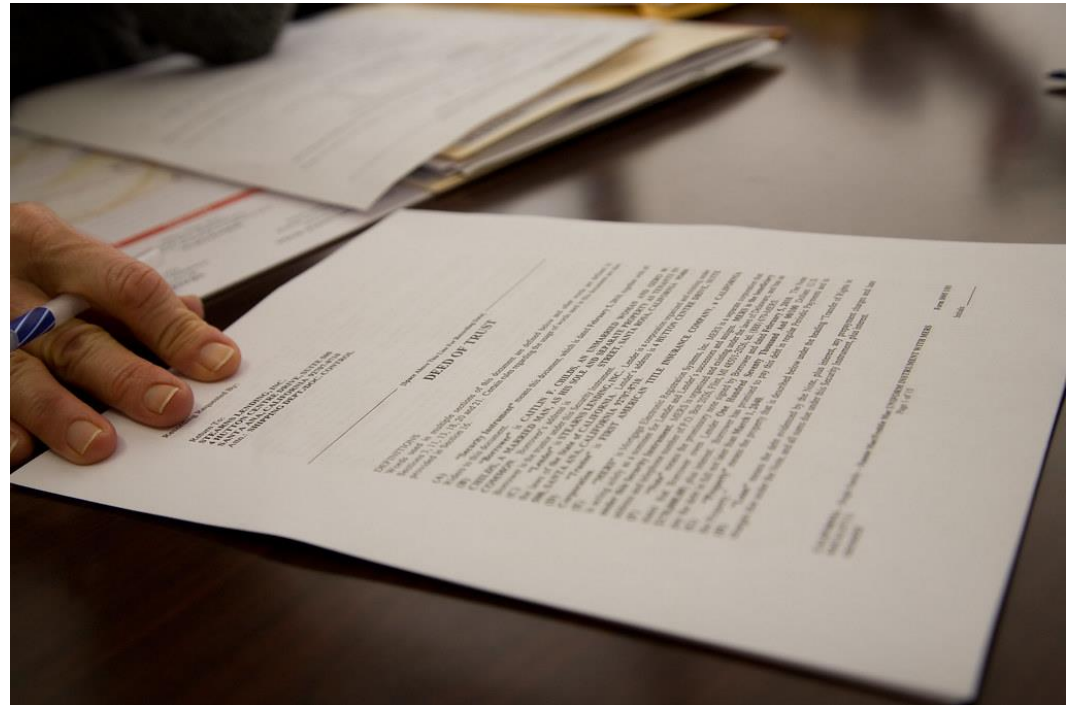
WHO YOU CAN SEE AND TALK TO

Are you losing control of who you can see and talk to including friends, family and some one you trust.



LOANS

If you are losing control of loans which are taken out in your name , such as car loans, credit cards and home loans.



HOW TO RUN YOUR HOME

If you have no say, being told what to cook, how much money you can spend on food, being forced to clean a lot, forced to cook and eat food you don't want to eat.



MAKING DECISIONS

Not being allowed to make decisions for you and your children. For example, not being able to choose what clothes you want to wear or how to spend your money.



YOUR BODY

Losing control over your body.

Not having the right to say no to sex or sex acts that you don't enjoy or like.



SELF RESPECT

Losing your self respect. It will disappear over time if your partner tells you that you are worthless, shouts at you, calls you names, or shames you all the time. Your partner might also encourage your children, friends or his family to join in.



FEELING SAFE

Does your partner tell you that you will be sent away or deported if you don't do as you are told? You must follow what your partner says as they are boss. Are you worried you will be hurt if you say the wrong thing?



OR

Your partner physically hurts you, hits, punches, spits, puts pressure on your neck or hurts you in other ways that causes you injuries or pain.



If you or someone you know fits any of the descriptions above, this is called **FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.

It is **NOT** something anyone should have to put up with, especially from someone who is supposed to love you.

Women and men are equal in Australia and should treat each other with respect.

On the next page are agencies that might be useful, with a very brief description of what help, advice or support they can offer.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Police, Ambulance, Fire Emergency

Call 000 in any cases where there is an immediate risk of harm.

Police (not an emergency) 9581 0222 If you are not in immediate danger and can wait for help.

Peel Multicultural Association email peelmulticultural@gmail.com

Multi-Cultural Women's Advocacy Service Ph. 9328 1200 or 1800 998 399 Rockingham/Mandurah mob 0430 515 261 Free- no cost.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Housing

Pat Thomas House Women's Refuge Crisis accommodation for women and women with children experiencing Family & Domestic Violence. Ph. 95354775

Crisis Care (24hrs) 1800 199 008 9223 1111 Women's Refuge information and Emergency child protection reporting

Homeless Advisory Support 1800 065 892

USEFUL CONTACTS

Legal help

Family Court WA 1800 199 228

Peel Community Legal Services 9581 4511 – Free Legal advice and advocacy. A translation phone service on request can be provided.

Women's DV Helpline 24hrs 1800 007 339 or 9223 1188

Centrelink Customer service 132 307

Financial assistance

St Vincent De Paul 95359035 opens 10am. Free service. Assistance with Centrelink/budgeting, debts, food vouchers etc. and referrals to appropriate agencies.

Finucare 9581 1281 Free Service Support with debts/budgeting, financial counselling and referrals to appropriate agencies.