

Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce

Tell us your ideas



Easy English



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

• the word is in blue

• we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

read this book

know what this book is about



• find more information.

About this book

This book is from the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce.



We will call it the taskforce.



The taskforce is a group of experts who will help the Queensland Government make things better.



The taskforce will give the government **feedback** about

domestic violence



coercive control



- how women feel about the criminal justice system
 - for example, the police and courts.



Feedback means information we get from people.

What is domestic violence?



Domestic violence is when your partner, ex-partner or family member

• hurts you



makes you feel scared



• tries to control you.

What is coercive control?



Coercive control is when your partner, ex-partner or family member

makes you feel scared



tells you what to say

• tells you what to do.



Coercive control might mean a person

• takes your phone away



• reads your phone messages

• always wants to know where you are



• does **not** let you use your money



• tells you what to wear.



A person might also

• call you names and make you feel bad

• blame you for lots of things

• tell you no one will help.

What is sexual assault?

Lots of women have been sexually assaulted.



Sexual assault

 means someone says or does sexual things to you that you do **not** want them to do



• is a crime.

What we want to know

What happened to you?



You do **not** have to tell us everything that happened if you do **not** want to.



You can tell us

• if a person tried to control or assault you



what happened

• how you felt.

Could you get help?



You can tell us

• if you asked someone for help





who helped you



• if the help made things better

• what would make it easier to get help.

How do you feel about the criminal justice system?

You can tell us how people in the criminal justice system have treated you.



For example

police



lawyers and Legal Aid



courts and judges



victim support groups



community corrections officers

• prison staff.

What needs to change?



You can tell us

• why women might **not** go to the police



 who could help women go to court and say what happened



• other ideas about what could be better.

How to tell us your ideas



You can fill in a form on our website

www.womenstaskforce.qld.gov.au/forms/

make-a-submission



You can send a letter to
Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce
GPO Box 149
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Where to get help

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If you or someone you know needs help

 call 000 - if you are in serious danger or are being hurt



- call DV Connect on 1800 811 811 to make a safety plan
- call QLD State-wide Sexual Assault Helpline
 on 1800 010 120 to talk about sexual
 assault and make a safety plan
- call WWILD on 07 3262 9877 if you have intellectual or learning disabilities and need to be safe
- call People with Disabilities Australia on 1800 422 015 if you have a disability and need to be safe
- call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732
 anywhere in Australia to talk about what
 happened and how to be safe.

More information



For more information contact the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce.



Get the full information on our website www.womenstaskforce.qld.gov.au



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If you need help to speak or listen use the National Relay Service.

Call 1800 555 660



Website

communications.gov.au/accesshub/nrs

Give the relay officer the phone number you want to call.

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