

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE ENHANCEMENT (DVRE) NORTHERN SYDNEY

**CatholicCare provides a range of services to assist women and children experiencing domestic and family violence including after-hours response and follow-up support.**

The Northern Sydney DVRE team provides after-hours crisis support to women and children who have left a violent relationship, or who are wanting support whilst still in the relationship. Our after-hours team is open 365 evenings a year and can assist women and children with:

- Emergency accommodation
- Face-to-face visits from our after-hours staff when it is safe for us to do so
- Emotional and counselling supports
- Practical items such as food, clothing, toiletries and baby items
- Safety planning information
- Interpreting and translating services
- Housing assistance and advocacy
- Applying for AVO's and court support
- Access to specialist domestic violence services including counselling, groups and Victims Services
- Help with visas and immigration referrals
- Assistance with applying for payments
- Support services for children
- Follow-up support the next day

Domestic violence is behaviour that's used to gain or maintain power and control over someone else in a current or former intimate relationship. Family violence refers to violence between family members. It is not just physical abuse. It includes verbal, psychological, sexual, financial, social, spiritual, technology facilitated abuse, stalking and intimidation. We help women and children to feel empowered and build a strong support network to achieve safe and positive lives.

**Any organisation can refer women wanting to leave a domestic violence relationship to our service. We also welcome women to call us directly if they would like our assistance.**

### CONTACT DETAILS

Business hours: (02) 9488 2400 (Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm)  
After hours: (02) 9488 2580 (Monday to Sunday 5.00pm – 10.00pm)