

ATTACHMENT "AS-6"

This is the attachment marked "**AS-6**" referred to in the witness statement of Dr Angela Spinney dated 20 July 2015.

Staying Home Leaving

violence

**Whoever you are,
you have the right
to live safely in
your own home!**

Phone 6492 6239

Funded by NSW Department of Human Services, Community Services
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Children stay home and the **violence** leaves.

It's a new, positive way to protect
children and give them a safe future.

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Staying Home Leaving Violence – a pilot program of the
Bega Women's Refuge. Funded by NSW DOCS.

Children live in a small world made up of their bed, their friends, their family, their home. Last year 1 in every 54 Australian children aged 0-4 spent time in a refuge. Children have a right to live safely in their own home.

Children are like sponges. They learn how to behave from their parents, to treat people with love and respect but also how to harm and hurt them. Please teach your children well.

The Staying Home Leaving Violence Pilot can provide support to women and children experiencing domestic violence to stay home safely. Contact us for information.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

You don't have to leave your home

For help, support and information:

Staying Home Leaving Violence Pilot... 0428 136 196

Women's Refuge (24 hour/7days) 6492 3597

Court Assistance 6492 5002

Police 6492 9999

Bega Courthouse 6492 9300

Mensline 1300 789 97

Bandara Children's Services 6492 4360

DOCS 24/7 Helpline 132 111



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It doesn't matter... where you live.
 It doesn't matter... who you live with.
 It doesn't matter... how many times it has happened.

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If you are the violent partner, you may be removed from the family home and prevented from returning. Support is available if you want to change your behaviour.

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Family Support Service	6492 3411
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Things you should know if you have been removed from your home because of domestic violence

Under Section 15A of the NSW Crimes Act Subsection 562D 1(b) an Apprehended Violence Order can **'prohibit or restrict access by the defendant to any premise occupied by the protected person'**.

This means that if a person is violent towards their partner and their children that person may be removed from the family home and prevented from returning. It is the responsibility of the police and the courts to protect and keep safe the victims of family violence, particularly the children.

Ownership of the home is not the issue. The issue is safety.

Most families just want the violence to stop. If you have been removed or excluded as a result of your violence, the community will help you if you want to change your behaviour.

The Bega Valley Community takes family violence very seriously. Victims will be supported to stay in their homes. The security of the family home may be upgraded.

If you need accommodation:

The Department of Housing can help with temporary accommodation and rent and bond assistance. Office in Auckland Plaza, Bega – **9492 1808**.

It's a good idea to talk with someone:

Confidential **24 hour** phone counselling at **Mensline 1300 789 978**

Southern Area Health Service 24 hour crisis line

(for people at risk of harming themselves or others) **1800 677 114**

Or Lifeline 131 114

Local counselors may be available through:

your Doctor, Family Support Service **6492 3411** or Centacare **1800 800 517**
Katungal Medical Health Center **6492 0532**

If you are interested in changing your behaviour, you can contact:

the Probation and Parole Service to discuss your participation in a group-based program.
Call the Bega District office on **6492 3144**

If you need income support:

there is a crisis payment available at Centrelink in Church St, Bega. Contact **131 021**.

For legal Aid 1800 888 529

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre **1800 229 529**
Aboriginal Legal Service **4474 2400**.