



# NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS

## **New laws have been introduced nationwide to improve the protection of domestic violence victims.**

On 25 November 2017, the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme commenced. All domestic violence orders (DVOs) issued from 25 November 2017 are now automatically nationally recognised and enforceable.

The National Domestic Violence Order Scheme strengthens protections for victims and their families. Local courts across Australia can vary and revoke a nationally recognised DVO regardless of where it was issued.

Existing state and territory laws protecting victims and affected family members from domestic violence have not changed.

[www.ag.gov.au/ndvos](http://www.ag.gov.au/ndvos)

# WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

## For DVOs issued prior to 25th November 2017:

You can choose to have your DVO declared at any time to ensure you are protected nationwide.



You can do this by applying to any local court in Australia. It does not have to be a court in the state or territory where your order was issued.

If you are not intending to travel to or reside within another state or territory of Australia you may choose not to declare your order. You will remain protected in the state or territory in which the DVO was issued.

## For DVOs issued on or after 25th November 2017:

Your DVO is automatically nationally recognised and it is not necessary for you to take any further action.



If you are unsure whether you need to take any action, or if you have further questions, visit [www.ag.gov.au/ndvos](http://www.ag.gov.au/ndvos) or contact your local court.

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