

# Mandatory Reporting

## WHAT IS MANDATORY REPORTING?

The law in the Northern Territory says that you must report domestic violence and child abuse to the police.



## WHO HAS TO REPORT?

Everyone must report. This includes friends and family, neighbours and members of the community, workers at the hospital or clinic, and staff of domestic violence or child protection services.



## WHAT NEEDS TO BE REPORTED?

You must report to the police if...

- you think a person has caused, is causing or will cause, serious physical harm to someone they are in a domestic relationship with
- you think the life or safety of a person is under threat, because Domestic and Family Violence has been, is being, or is about to take place
- you think a child has experienced or will experience physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect or exposure to domestic violence



## HOW DO YOU REPORT?

Call 000 if you or someone you know is in immediate danger.

If it's not an emergency, call police on 131 444 or your local police station. You can also go to the station in person.

If you don't feel comfortable, get someone you trust to call the police for you.

You DON'T have to give your name and contact details if you don't want to.

You can also call the child protection reporting line on 1800 700 250



## YOU DONT HAVE TO REPORT IF...

- You are helping in a crisis situation, and you plan on reporting once the victim is safe. For example, later that day or the next day.
- If reporting will put you or someone else in danger.
- If you think someone else has already reported. For example, if the victim or her witness has already called the police.

