



Family Law: Family Violence

Family violence in personal relationships is a difficult and often frightening issue that can take many forms. Family violence is not restricted to just physical violence, and can include financial, emotional and psychological abuse. It can also include a family member getting another person to perpetuate these forms of abuse against someone.

A Family Violence Restraining Order ("FVRO") is a legally enforceable Court Order against a family member designed to stop violence or threats of violence, or to prevent behaviour that coerces, controls or causes a family member to be fearful.

If the Police are called to a situation involving family violence, a Police Order can be issued for a period of up to 72 hours (this is like an 'on the spot' FVRO). However, if someone needs the protection of an ongoing FVRO, they will need to apply to the Magistrates Court.

Here at Midlas, we can provide you with legal advice about FVROs and can help you draft any documents required by the Magistrates Court. We may also be able to provide you with legal representation at Midland Magistrates Court - but please note that as a Community Legal Centre, this is dependent upon our resources, priorities under our funding arrangements and the capacity of our legal team.

