Domestic Violence

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Domestic Violence is now recognised as a serious and widespread problem in Australia impacting the individual, their family unit and the community at large.

Husband or Wife, Mother or Father, Child or Teenager – Everyone has a right to be safe from any type of violence.

Yet there are many people who do not seek help for a myriad of reasons. Often the case is that victims are fearful of breaking up and leaving the family unit, especially when there are children involved. Sometimes the thought of attempting to escape can be too daunting. Others don't consider leaving because they do not believe that their circumstances amount to any real domestic violence.

Physical violence is a commonly known form. However domestic violence has many forms including Sexual Violence, Emotional Violence, Financial or Economical Violence. Social Violence – such as limiting one's ability to make independent decisions about their social life or a partner who controls where you go and with whom – can be categorised as domestic violence.

In some relationships, domestic violence is a long standing feature lasting many years. In others, domestic violence arises when one partner first raises issues about unhappiness in the relationship or when parties separate.

If you are in an abusive relationship, whether you are married or in a de-facto relationship, it is important to know and understand that there avenues for support in New South Wales (Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463) and Nation-wide (1800 RESPECT – 1800 737 732).

Significantly, there are legal actions available. Our Family Law Lawyers can advise you on how to obtain an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order – commonly referred to as a restraining order – to protect yourself and your children. Additionally, we can assist you with the aspects that follow the breakdown of a relationship including parenting and property arrangements. At Matthews Folbigg we combine our legal advice with practical solutions to assist you with breaking free from domestic violence while safeguarding you, your children and your financial assets.

Contact us on 1800 300 170 or email us at familylaw@matthewsfolbigg.com.au

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