

FACT SHEET: IMPACTS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE ON OUR COMMUNITY

Family violence has serious impacts on a person's health and wellbeing.



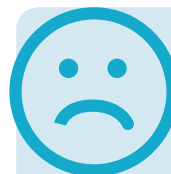
In Victoria, intimate partner violence against women is the biggest contributor to preventable ill-health and premature death in women aged 15 to 44 years than any other risk factor including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking.



Violence against children can cause injuries and disabilities.

The total cost of domestic violence on the Australian economy is estimated at

\$13.6 BILLION



Women who have experienced violence are more likely to have anxiety and depression and/or eating disorders. They are more likely to have alcohol problems, to smoke and use non-prescription drugs.

Children who experience or see family violence can experience depression, anxiety, trauma, aggression, anti-social behaviour, low self-esteem, fear, mood problems and conflict with peers.

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