

NSW Budget 2024-25

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Support for Victim-Survivors of Domestic and Family Violence

The Minns Labor Government is continuing to prioritise and invest in building safer communities, with enhanced support for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence.

The NSW Government's comprehensive approach to domestic and family violence includes funding for prevention, early intervention, crisis and legal responses.

The 2024-25 NSW Budget also includes a historic commitment to support victim-survivors of domestic and family violence access safe and affordable long-term housing.

A major step in helping those escaping domestic and family violence

The NSW Government is investing a historic **\$5.1 billion** to build safe, accessible and affordable housing.

At least half of the new homes built will be prioritised for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence.

This means at least 3,100 vulnerable people leaving abusive relationships will have access to a new home under this program.

The NSW Government will invest **\$245.6 million** as part of an emergency package to enhance support for domestic and family violence victim-survivors and expand programs that reduce the rate of violence against women and children. This includes:

- **Crisis response**
 - **\$48 million** to roll out the Staying Home Leaving Violence program statewide and expand the Integrated Domestic and Family Violence Service.
- **Early intervention**
 - **\$48.1 million** to secure and increase funding for workers who support children accompanying their mothers to refuges. These specialist workers support them, including with education and mental health measures
 - An additional \$700,000 in 2024-25 for the NSW Domestic Violence Line.
- **Primary prevention**

- **\$38.3 million** for the implementation of New South Wales’s first dedicated Primary Prevention Strategy. The Pathways to Prevention: NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2027 will develop a range of initiatives to address the drivers of domestic, family and sexual violence
- **\$8.1 million** for the ‘All in’ early childhood pilot to prevent domestic violence by teaching young children about healthy relationships
- **\$10 million** to expand Men’s Behaviour Change Programs to enable men to recognise their violent behaviour and develop strategies to prevent the use of violence.
- **Strengthening the sector**
 - **\$5 million** for workforce training on the implementation of a newly developed risk assessment framework and other priority areas
 - **\$3.6 million** to expand Domestic Violence NSW (DVNSW), which is the peak body for specialist services in New South Wales.
- **Improving the justice system for victims**
 - **\$45 million** has been set aside to improve bail laws and justice system responses to domestic violence
 - **\$24.1 million** for the Women’s Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (WDVCAS) to meet the increasing demand of victim survivors requiring support to navigate the justice system
 - **\$5.5 million** in 2024-25 to expand the WDVCAS hearing support and Police co-location pilot programs
 - **\$2.1 million** to support the Domestic Violence Death Review Team and its work to deliver robust research around risks factors, trends and impact of service delivery
 - **\$2.1 million** over two years to improve and continue the Corrective Services program EQUIPS Domestic and Family Violence, delivered to offenders in custody and under supervision in the community to prevent reoffending.
- **Research**
 - **\$5 million** for research into perpetrators and effective interventions.

Too many lives have been lost and too many families have been broken because of domestic and family violence. It is a blight in our communities and it is a problem that deserves the NSW Government’s concerned attention and response.

This Budget is an important step in the NSW Government’s work to provide appropriate, ongoing and all-encompassing wraparound support for victim-survivors, and to ensure that anyone leaving an abusive relationship has a pathway to safety and recovery.

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