

<u>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month</u> is an annual initiative held during May each year to raise community awareness and promote a clear message that domestic and family violence will not be tolerated in our communities.

The Queensland Police Service is committed to working in partnership with the people of Queensland to provide professional policing services that will, over time, prevent and reduce the incidents of domestic violence in Queensland, regardless of faith, language, culture and religion.

"Education plays a vital role in tackling domestic and family violence in our community" said Superintendent Mick Niland. "The ability for those affected by domestic and family violence to understand their rights and how to access support is fundamental in the prevention and reduction of incidents of domestic violence in Queensland".

"We understand that Domestic violence often occurs behind closed doors, but through our ongoing engagement with our CALD community, we hope to encourage one and all to open their doors, and report domestic violence to police and seek appropriate assistance."

Join us in supporting this campaign which assists friends, family members, neighbours and others to recognise the signs of abuse in a relationship, including controlling behaviour, stalking, threats, intimidation and isolation.

If you or anyone you know is being affected by Domestic Violence, we encourage you to seek confidential advice on how to keep safe:

- DVConnect Womensline on 1800 811 811 (24 hours, 7 days a week)
- DVConnect Mensline on 1800 600 636 (9 am to midnight, 7 days a week)
- Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800
- <u>Lifeline</u> on 13 11 14 (24 hour Crisis Counselling Line)
- In an emergency call 000.