

Policy Statement

The NSW Government has worked together with Government Agencies and community organisations to develop the Domestic and Family Violence Framework for Reform - It Stops Here: Standing together to end domestic and family violence.

Community Housing Providers are a key component of the integrated response to improve policy and service delivery to victims of domestic and family violence.

Ecclesia Housing:

- *Recognises* that domestic and family violence can happen to anyone, regardless of social background, disability, age, gender, religion, sexuality, or ethnicity. We also recognise that domestic and family violence affects both male and female victims, including those in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer relationships. We are committed to supporting victims of domestic and family violence regardless of gender or sexuality.
- *Takes* domestic and family violence seriously and is committed to providing a sensitive and confidential response to anyone approaching us for assistance in cases of domestic and family violence.
- *Is* committed to building our skills, capacity, and practice to identify indicators of domestic and family violence and to work with victims to assist them to manage their housing and support situation.
- *Will* take appropriate action that balances the rights and wishes of the victim with the rights of the landlord to protect the property and the safety and wellbeing of other household members and neighbours.
- *Will* also work with support services and other partners to assist victims and deal with perpetrators as domestic and family violence cases require a multi-agency approach.

This policy covers all tenants and applicants of Ecclesia Housing.