

Maroochydore Magistrates Court

Cornmeal Parade
Tuesday: 9.00am start

Noosa Magistrates Court

Langura Street
Second & Fourth Thursdays: 9.30am start

Nambour Magistrates Court

Currie Street
3rd Monday every month
9.00am start

Gympie Magistrates Court

32 Channon Street
Monday: 2.00pm start

Caloundra Magistrates Court

3 Gregson Place
Wednesday: 10.00am start

If you would like information relating to other courts please call SCOPE on 07-5430 9300

MR Men's Relationships Programme available at Maroochydore

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Outreach workers based in partnership
organisations at:

Gympie & District Women's Health
Salvation Army Emergency Family
Accommodation Service, Tewantin
Cooroy Family Support
Nambour Community Centre
Caloundra Community Centre
Maleny Neighbourhood Centre



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Domestic and Family Violence

Court Information And Referral For Respondent

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Information for the respondent (Domestic and Family Violence)

An application can be made for a Domestic Violence Order (DVO) to protect a person (called The Aggrieved) from you (called The Respondent).

What is a Domestic Violence Order?

A Domestic Violence Order (DVO) is a civil proceeding. If an order is made against you there will be no criminal record i.e. for example it will NOT appear on any employment or any criminal history check. It will effect your ability to own/use weapons. It may also affect proceedings in the Family Court in relation to decisions about children.

DVO's are orders that a court makes to protect people by ordering you, the respondent not to do specific things. For example, the DVO can say that you must not hurt or contact or come near the aggrieved's house or workplace.

Do I need to go to court?

You will be served with a copy of the application. The application briefly explains the reasons why the complaint has been made and lists the conditions the court will be asked to make to protect the aggrieved.

If you don't go to court despite receiving the summons, the application may be heard in your absence before a magistrate. The magistrate may make the DVO without you being there.

WHAT HAPPENS AT COURT?

In the court room a respondent has four options:

1. **CONSENT** to the order—this is agreeing to having the order made against you and to what is in the order
2. **CONSENT WITHOUT ADMISSIONS**— This is agreeing to the order but saying that you don't agree with the statements that have been written in the application. In this case the Order will be issued.
3. **ADJOURNMENT**— if you ask for an adjournment the magistrate may allow you some time to seek legal advice, usually 2 weeks. A temporary order may be made in the meantime for the aggrieved.
4. **CONTEST** the order—this means that you do not agree to the making of a domestic violence order against you. A date will be made for a hearing mention and then for a hearing. A temporary order may be made until the hearing date.

What is a hearing?

A hearing can take up to a day and both you and the aggrieved will be put on the witness stand and cross examined. Evidence such as witnesses, letters, emails, SMS text messages can be produced.

The Domestic Violence Protection Act 1989

The legislation changed significantly in March 2003.

The Act now also protects people who have been affected by non-spousal domestic and family violence.

For example:

- Abuse in dating relationships
- Abuse between family members
- Abuse of older people and people with disabilities by their informal carer

Where can I get more information?

SCOPE workers can:

- Give you information about what happens at court
- Refer you to other community organisations that can help you