# Cardinia Shire Liveability Plan 2017-29

## Cardinia Shire’s Liveability Health Plan 2017-2029 identifies the top seven health and social priorities impacting the overall health and wellbeing of the municipality. Family Violence is one of these seven priority areas.

## What is family violence?

Family and domestic violence is any violent, threatening, coercive or controlling behaviour that occurs in current or past family, domestic or intimate relationships. This includes not only physical injury but direct or indirect threats, sexual assault, emotional and psychological torment, economic control, damage to property, social isolation and any behaviour which causes a person to live in fear. Family violence has severe and persistent effects on physical and mental health and is the leading risk factor contributing to death, disability and illness in women aged 15 to 44 across Victoria. One in four Australian women has experienced physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner, three times more likely than men.

## What we know for Cardinia Shire

* An average of 4 family violence incidents are recorded per day across the municipality (a total of 1434 a year)[[1]](#footnote-1).
* Cardinia Shire has the second highest rate of incidents (1493.9) per 100,000 population in the Southern Metropolitan Region1.
* Cardinia Shire has seen a decrease of 14.9% in the number of family incidents recorded between 2015/16 and 2016/171.
* During 2015-16:
* 189 Family violence intervention orders were sought.
* 1156 Breaches of orders was recorded
* 77% of people experiencing family violence in Cardinia Shire are female1
* Children were present at 43% of family violence incidents1
* Approximately one fifth (17%) of family violence incidents that occurred in Cardinia Shire during 2012/13 involved alcohol. This equated to approximately 4 per week during the year 2012/13[[2]](#footnote-2)
* 30% of people experiencing family violence are young people aged 24 and under1
* Cardinia Shire has a higher rate of child protection investigations and substantiations (per 1,000 children) than the Victorian average[[3]](#footnote-3)
* 6% of parents report a history of abuse to either themselves or their children, compared to the Victorian average of 4.5%[[4]](#footnote-4)

# Contact us

For more information contact Social and Community Planning on 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au.

1. Crime Statistics Agency, 2017 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Turning Point, AOD Stats, 2014 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Department of Health and Human Services, Cardinia Profile, 2015 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. School Entrant Health Questionaire, 2014 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)