

Priority area



Family violence

Family 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.

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).
- Cardinia Shire has the second highest rate of incidents (1493.9) per 100,000 population in the Southern Metropolitan Region.
- Cardinia Shire has seen a decrease of 14.9% in the number of family incidents recorded between 2015/16 and 2016/17.
- 77% of people experiencing family violence in Cardinia Shire are female.
- Children were present at 43% of family violence incidents.
- 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.
- 30% of people experiencing family violence are young people aged 24 and under.
- Cardinia Shire has a higher rate of child protection investigations and substantiations (per 1,000 children) than the Victorian average.
- 6% of parents report a history of abuse to either themselves or their children, compared to the Victorian average of 4.5%.

Cardinia Shire Liveability Plan 2017-29

Cardinia Shire's Liveability Plan 2017-2029 identifies seven health and social priorities impacting the wellbeing of Cardinia Shire residents. These are identified as the long term goals within the plan.

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