## Cardinia Shire is currently experiencing high rates of family violence across the municipality.

## What we know

* Approximately 4 family incidents were recorded per calendar day in Cardinia for 2015/16 (1,434 throughout the year).6 This is a 9% increase in the number of incidents that occurred during 2014/15.
* Cardinia Shire has the second highest rate (per 100,000 population) of recorded family incidents in the Southern Metropolitan Region6. The rate of family incidents in Cardinia has increased by 3.5% since 2014/15.
* In 2013/14 there were 315 intervention orders and safety notices issued in Cardinia which had increased from 277 in 2012/13. Conservatively, this equates to approximately 6 per week across the municipality in addition to family incidents6.
* Approximately 20% of all family violence incidents in Cardinia are by repeat offenders or recidivists[[1]](#footnote-1).
* There is a strong link between early experiences of family violence and homelessness later in life (2015, Swinburne University study)

## Impact on Children

* In 2015, during a one week period Maternal Child Health (MCH) nurses supported 24 clients in Cardinia Shire where suspected Family Violence was identified.
* In 2013/14 children were present at 41% of Family Incidents within Cardinia Shire4
* 2011/12 data indicates 25% of cases were perpetrated against family members aged between 0 -24 years of age with 11% of these cases involving children under the age of 17.[[2]](#footnote-2)
* In 2011, there were 126 substantiated child abuse notifications for children aged 0-17 in Cardinia Shire. This equates to an average of 2-3 cases per week[[3]](#footnote-3)
* Research shows that infants, children and adolescents experience serious negative psychological, emotional, social and developmental impact when they experience domestic violence[[4]](#footnote-4).
1. 
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1. Victoria Police, Presentation, August 2014 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. www.justice.vic.gov.au [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/research/Pages/vcamsindicator.aspx (indicator 20.1) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice, Australian Institute of Criminology,NO.419,June2011

6 Crime Statistics Agency 2016 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)