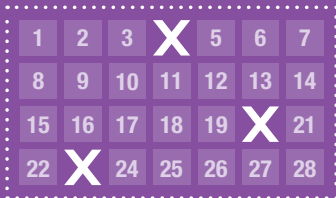


# Living in fear



**1 woman** is killed nearly **every week** in Australia due to **family violence**



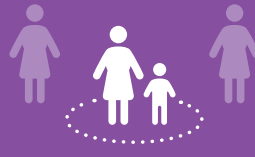
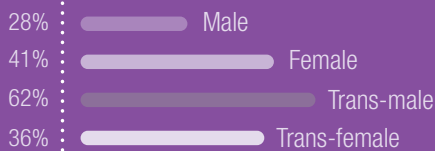
**92,521**

Number of **family violence** incidents attended by **police** in the year to December 31, 2020, up from **77,987** in 2015-16

Victorian practitioners reported an **increase** in **frequency** and **severity** of violence against women during **COVID-19** lockdown



Percentage of **LGBT** people who have ever been in an **abusive relationship**



**Children** are present in **31%** of **family violence** cases reported to police



**Aboriginal women** are **33x** more likely to be hospitalised by **family violence** than other women

**Women with disabilities** are **40%** more likely to experience **domestic/family violence** than other women



**Temporary visa holders** face **barriers** to accessing safety and support when they experience **family violence** in Australia, which have been intensified by **COVID-19**



It is estimated that up to **14%** of **older people** may experience **abuse**

**Family violence** is the **leading** cause of **homelessness** for women and children

**Women over 50** are the **fastest growing** cohort



**Evidence** shows that **people who stay** with the perpetrator because they are **afraid to leave** often accurately anticipate that leaving would **increase** the risk of **lethal assault**

**250**

Average number of **calls per day** to Safe Steps, Victoria's 24/7 **family violence** crisis service

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