

WHAT IS FAMILY VIOLENCE?

According to the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008* (Vic), family violence is behaviour that creates fear and control over a partner, ex-partner or other family member.

Behaviour can include:

- Physical assault
- Sexual violence
- Financial abuse
- Psychological and/or verbal abuse
- Causing a child to see, hear or be aware of violence behaviour

WHAT OTHER HELP IS AVAILABLE?

Safe Steps:

1800 015 188

InTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence:

1800 755 988

QLIFE (LGBTIQ telephone support):

1800 184 527

Aboriginal Family Domestic Violence Hotline:

1800 019 123



FAMILY VIOLENCE, EXTENSIONS AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AT MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL



WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2018, Melbourne Law School updated the information it provides to students via MLS Procedures and Guidelines by adding family violence to the list of circumstances for which students may be eligible for special consideration or extensions.

The amendments to MLS Procedures and Guidelines mean that students know they can seek help if family violence is affecting their studies.

Learn more about your eligibility by visiting MLS Procedures and Guidelines page: <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/sev6>

If you're unsure about what forms of assessment you can make an application for or have other questions, email: law-wellbeing@unimelb.edu.au

UNIVERSITY SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Counselling and Psychological Services:
8344 6927

Housing:
9035 5511

Health Services:
8344 6904

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WHEN ASKED
IF FAMILY VIOLENCE
WAS A GROUND FOR
SPECIAL
CONSIDERATION AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE, 90%
OF THE STUDENTS
SURVEYED SAID “NO” OR
“I DO NOT KNOW”.

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Source: Later Law Students' Network,
*Family Violence and the Special
Consideration Policy: A Proposal for
Reform* (2017)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH YOU
CAN APPLY FOR SPECIAL
CONSIDERATION:

- Short-term illness
- Hardship or trauma, such as (not exhaustive) bereavement, **family violence**, accident or injury
- Religious observance
- Emergency service volunteers

EXTENSIONS

CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH YOU
CAN APPLY FOR AN EXTENSION:

- Short-term illness
- Hardship or trauma, such as (not exhaustive) bereavement, **family violence**, accident or injury
- Religious observance
- Emergency service volunteers