



# **Help for women in domestic violence**

**Parachute Brochure in Easy Read**

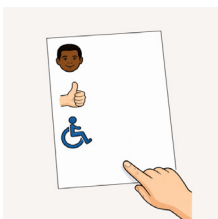


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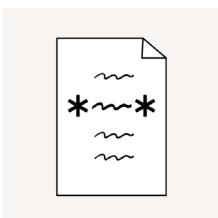
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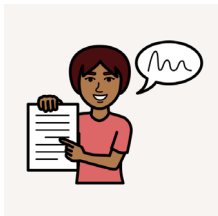
This is an Easy Read book.



Easy Read uses simple words and pictures to explain ideas.



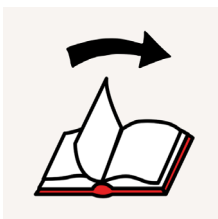
New words are **\*bold with stars\***.



We explain what new words mean.



Easy Read is a summary.



Links to more information are at the end of this book.

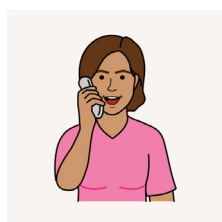
# About this book



This book is by Canberra Community Law.



When you see the word **we**, it means Canberra Community Law.



This book explains our service called **\*Parachute\***.



Parachute helps women who face **\*domestic violence\***.



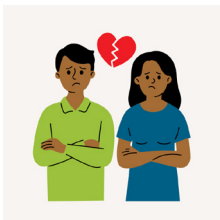
Domestic violence is when a person harms or scares you or other people in the family.

# How can Parachute help?

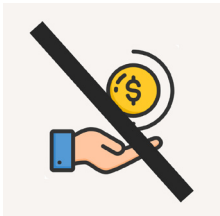
## Centrelink



Women who deal with domestic violence might face problems with Centrelink.



Centrelink might treat you like you have a partner even if you left your violent partner.



Centrelink might not pay you what you need because of the money your partner earns.

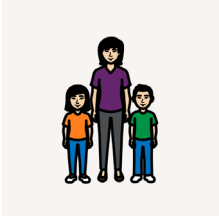


Centrelink might think you were overpaid because they think you use your partner's money.



You might need help to fix up

- Parenting Payments



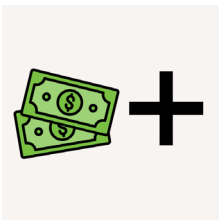
- Family Tax Benefits.



Centrelink might stop your payments all together.



For example if you were paid **\*compensation\*** from somewhere else.



Compensation is money to help if you are injured. For example if you had an accident at work.

# Public housing



Family violence can cause problems with **\*ACT public housing\***.



ACT public housing is housing managed by the ACT Government.



We can help if you

- have problems getting a house

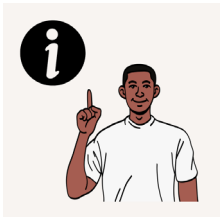


- owe money to Housing ACT

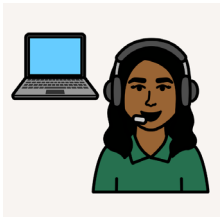


- need to move house.

# What does help look like?



We can explain your options.



We might be able to talk to Housing ACT or Centrelink for you.



We might be able to help you at a **\*tribunal\***.



A tribunal makes decisions about some problems. It is like a court but less formal.

# Contact us



Contact us for more information.



Call 02 6218 7900.



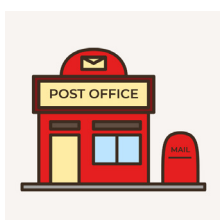
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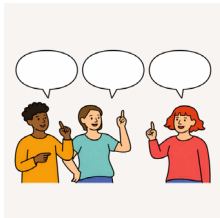


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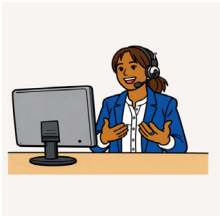
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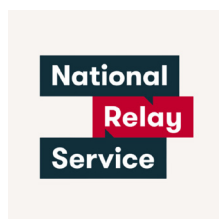


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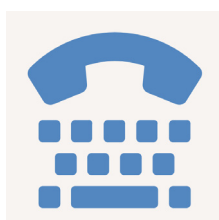
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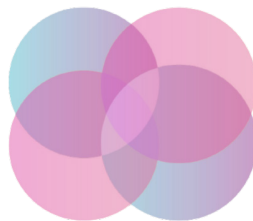


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