

EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE SAFE

Nobody should have to experience violence.

Violence is when a person hurts another person. It includes:

- physical assault
- sexual violence
- threats of violence
- domestic and family violence
- intimate partner violence

LGBTIQA+SB people may experience some extra difficulties when seeking support. LGBTI Legal Service can help with your legal matters and connect you with other supports.



CONTACT US

If you've been impacted by any of these issues, contact the LGBTI Legal Service for free legal help and connections to other supports

The LGBTI Legal Service provides free legal advice, resources and reform for the LGBTIQA+SB community

This factsheet is intended to give general advice only and should not be used as a substitute for legal advice.



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Help for victims and survivors of violence

**for LGBTIQA+SB
community**

WHAT IS VICTIM ASSIST?

Victim Assist helps people who have been impacted by violence with financial assistance and counselling.

It can help people who were directly injured, and people who were witnesses.

You can apply yourself online, or you can ask LGBTI Legal Service to help with your application.

It can be really difficult to talk about what happened and share your story. LGBTI Legal Service is here to listen compassionately.

OTHER SUPPORTS

QLife - qlife.org.au

Diverse Voices - diversevoices.org.au

Queensland Council for LGBTI Health - qc.org.au

Open Doors Youth Service - opendoors.net.au

ELIGIBILITY

In case cases, to be eligible the violence must have:

- caused a physical or psychological injury
- happened in QLD
- happened in the last three years, with the option to apply for an extension
- been reported to the police, with some exemptions

SPECIAL PRIMARY VICTIM

A Special Primary Victim does not have to report to the police. They can disclose the violence to a doctor, psychologist, or domestic violence service instead.

Any of these things could make you a Special Primary Victim:

- sexual violence
- domestic or family violence
- being under 18
- having impaired capacity
- still being threatened
- violence from a person in a position of power

HOW IT CAN HELP



Special Assistance Payment

One off payment that you can however you want. It acknowledges that nobody should have to experience violence. The amount recieved depends on the kind of violence you experienced.



Medical Care

You can be reimbursed for medical expenses related to the violence. This includes physical and psychological injuries, and things like dentists, optometrists and podiatrists.



Feeling safe

In some special circumstances, it can help with costs needed to get to safety, such as emergency accomodation, moving house, or getting security for your house.