

# Domestic and Family Violence Report

COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 (Section 24)

Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020 (Sections 27 and 65)



This report can be completed and signed by **an authorised professional** to support that you are experiencing domestic and family violence. See overleaf for persons considered as authorised professionals.

This report is a supporting document a tenant/resident can provide to their agent, lessor or manager/provider to end their tenancy/rooming agreement early on domestic and family violence grounds.

A tenant/resident can choose to either **show OR give a copy of this completed report** to their lessor or manager/provider.

## 1 Tenant/Resident Information

Given name/s		Surname (Family name)	
Address of rental property			
		Suburb	Postcode
Contact number	Email		

## 2 Authorised professional information (see overleaf for persons considered as authorised professionals)

Name of authorised professional		Agency name or stamp (if applicable)
<input type="text"/>		
Occupation / Position		
<input type="text"/>		
Business Address		
<input type="text"/>		
		Postcode

## 3 Declaration from authorised professional

By signing below, I declare:

I am an authorised professional who has assessed the tenant/resident and their circumstances, and make my determination based on the accepted standards of my profession, relevant knowledge and professional judgement.

Name	Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Note: this form can only be used until 30 April 2021 as stated in section 3 of the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020.**

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## Guide for tenants/residents experiencing domestic and family violence

- Request an authorised professional to complete this form (see below for persons considered as authorised professionals)
- Complete the *Domestic and Family Violence Notice of intention to leave for tenants* or the *Domestic and Family Violence Notice of intention to leave for residents*
- You can choose to either show or give a copy of this report to your agent, lessor or manager/provider.

## For authorised professionals completing this report

Under the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020* an authorised professional for completing this report refer to any of the following:

- (i) a doctor;
- (ii) a social worker;
- (iii) a refuge or crisis worker;
- (iv) a domestic and family violence support worker or case manager;
- (v) an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical service;
- (vi) a solicitor.

If you are not one of the above persons you cannot complete this report.

## Guidelines for agents, lessors, managers/providers

It is critical to maintain the privacy of a tenant/resident who is experiencing domestic and family violence to ensure their safety.

- Do not take a copy of this form unless the tenant/resident agrees, or provides you with a copy.
- If the tenant/resident gives you a copy of this form, you must ensure this and other domestic and family violence information is kept in a secure manner.
- You must not disclose information about domestic and family violence to anyone unless required by law to do so.
- Co-tenants or co-residents may not be the alleged perpetrator/s, however it is important that the departing tenant/resident should only be contacted using updated details they have provided.
- Contact details provided by the departing tenant/resident MUST NOT be passed on to anyone else, unless required by law to do so.

Penalties apply if you do not follow these requirements.

For help or support for domestic and family violence issues, please contact:

- Emergency Response – 000 / triple zero (24/7) Call for police, ambulance or fire services if you are in imminent danger or been harmed or involved in a violent incident
- DVConnect Womensline – 1800 811 811 (24/7) Assists women and their children obtain safe refuge accommodation, counselling and referral to other support services
- DVConnect Mensline – 1800 600 636 (every day 9am to 12am) Provides counselling, information and referral to men affected by domestic and family violence. Assists men experiencing domestic and family violence and men looking for help to stop their abusive behaviour
- Elder Abuse Helpline – 1300 651 192 (9am to 5pm weekdays) Provides information and support to older people who experience elder abuse
- Sexual Assault Helpline – 1800 010 120 (every day 9am to 12am) Provides counselling, information and referral to people who have experienced sexual assault
- 1800 RESPECT – 1800 737 732 (24/7) National service providing crisis and trauma counselling to people affected by domestic, family and sexual violence
- Policelink – 131 444 (24/7) Can be used to report crimes or if you feel threatened or in danger

**Do not send to the RTA—show or give a copy of this form to the agent, lessor or manager/provider and keep the original report for your records.**

