



Magistrates' Court of Victoria  
**Family Violence related criminal proceedings**  
Information for accused persons

If you have criminal charges listed at Broadmeadows or Shepparton Magistrates' Court that are family violence related, the following listing timeframes will apply:

## Timeframes

Filing to First Mention for bail matters (the time to First Mention from the release of an accused on bail)	1 week
Filing to First Mention for summons matters (the time to First Mention from the issuing of a summons)	4 weeks
First Mention to Summary Case Conference	4 weeks
Summary Case Conference to Contest Mention	4 weeks
Contest Mention to Contested Hearing	4 weeks

## Adjournment Requests

The Court may grant a short adjournment from the first listing if suitable or sufficient reasons are supplied. You and/or your legal representative **must** be present at court for any future adjournment request to be considered. If you are on bail, you **must** appear at court for each listing.

## Police Brief

If you do not have a copy of the preliminary brief at the first listing, you will need to obtain a copy from Victoria Police prior to leaving the court. You will need to provide a copy of the brief to your legal representative.

## Summary Case Conference

A summary case conference will need to occur on or before the second listing date.

## Legal Advice

It is very important to get legal advice **before** you go to court. Legal advice will help you:

- decide if you will say that you are guilty or not guilty
- decide if you need a lawyer to speak for you in court or if you can represent yourself
- help you to prepare for your case

You can obtain free legal advice from Victoria Legal Aid on 1300 792 387.