



Part 5A of the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008* provides a legislative basis for prescribed information sharing entities to request and share information to assess and manage family violence risks.

Why information sharing is important.

Information Sharing is important for relevant services to work together to keep perpetrators in view and keep you (and if applicable, your children) safe. Information will only be shared where it is necessary to assess and manage the risks of family violence. Your information will not be shared with the respondent at any time.

Why am I being asked to fill out this consent form?

The Court requires your consent to share confidential information about you with other prescribed Information Sharing Entities (ISEs) for the purpose of assessing your risk, or for the purpose of managing your ongoing safety.

Please note in cases of a serious threat or where your information is linked to assessing and/or managing the family violence risk to a child, the law permits information to be shared about any person without consent.

The court will endeavour to seek your consent prior to sharing any information that is it is legally authorised to share. However, in the event that the collection, use or disclosure of confidential information is necessary to lessen or prevent a serious threat to an individual's life, health, safety or welfare, your consent will not be requested.

Consent

- Your consent will allow the Magistrates' Court of Victoria to share your confidential information with other ISEs (unless specified), for the purposes of assessing and managing family violence risk. Refer to the back of this form for a list of ISEs.
- Your information will **not** be shared with the respondent named in your application and it will be held securely by the Court.
- You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

Please complete the sections below and sign the consent form before a court registrar.

Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given name	
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Current address	<input type="text"/>
Contact Number	

I _____ (name), consent to the collection, use and disclosure of confidential information under Part 5A of the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*. I understand that prescribed information sharing entities may request confidential information for the purposes of assessing my risk of family violence, or for the purpose of managing my ongoing safety. I understand that confidential information may be shared without consent if there is a serious threat to an individual's life, health, safety or welfare including to a child victim survivor of family violence.

Consent: please tick Full Consent No Yes, but limited*

If you have chosen limited consent, please state which information sharing entity you do not wish the court to share information with:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registrar Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registrar Name: _____ Case Number: _____

*You may give consent to share your information with certain ISEs rather than all of them.



Prescribed Information Sharing Entities – Who may my information be shared with?

List of Information Sharing Entities (ISEs):

- State-funded specialist family violence services including family violence counselling, therapeutic programs and perpetrator intervention
- State-funded sexual assault services and sexually abusive behaviour treatment service.
- The Orange Door (Support and Safety Hubs)
- Risk Assessment and Management Panels (RAMPS)
- Child FIRST
- Perpetrator intervention trials
- Victoria Police
- Corrections Victoria and Corrections funded services
- Adult Parole Board
- Magistrates' Court officials
- Children's Court officials
- Court-ordered family violence counselling services
- Justice Health and funded services (for adults)
- Justice Health and funded programs (for children)
- Youth Justice and funded programs, including the Youth Parole Board (Secretariat)
- Child Protection
- Multi-Agency Panels to Prevent Youth Offending
- Commission for Children and Young People
- Maternal and Child Health Services
- Registered community-based child and family services
- Out-of-home care services
- Disability Services Commissioner
- Designated mental health services
- State-funded alcohol and other drugs services
- State-funded financial counselling programs
- Department of Health and Human Services Housing
- State-funded homelessness accommodation or homelessness support services (providing access point, outreach and accommodation services)
- Victims of Crime Helpline
- Victims Assistance Program-funded services
- Victims Support Agency
- Tenancy Advice and Advocacy Program

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Please ensure the consent form is scanned and emailed to the information sharing team at the FVPIU at [CSV-MCV-FVPIU-Information Sharing](mailto:informationsharing@courts.vic.gov.au) (informationsharing@courts.vic.gov.au) as soon as practicable. The original consent form is to be kept on the court file.