

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria (the court) is a prescribed Information Sharing Entity (ISE) under the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme - Part 5A of the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008 (Vic)*. The scheme allows the sharing of information that is relevant to the protection of victim survivors/affected family members (AFMs), to assess or manage family violence risk, or to promote the wellbeing of children.

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

The court requires your consent to share personal information about you with other prescribed Information Sharing Entities (ISEs) to assess your risk or manage your ongoing safety.

- Your consent will allow the court to share your personal information with other ISEs (unless specified), where it is **relevant to assess or manage family violence risk**.
- Information not already included in intervention order applications and resulting orders will **not** be shared with the respondent and will be held securely by the court.
- You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

Your information may be shared without your consent if there is a serious threat to yours or another individual's life, health, safety, or welfare. Your information may be shared without consent if it is relevant to assessing or managing risks to a child.

For more information about information sharing please refer to the second page of this document.

Consent

Please complete the sections below and sign the consent form with a court staff member.

Family Name:	
Given Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Current address:	
Email Address	
Contact number:	

I _____ (name) consent to the collection, use and sharing of my personal information under Part 5A of the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*. I understand that my information may be shared without consent if there is a serious threat to myself or another individual's life, health, safety or welfare. I also understand that my information may be shared without consent if it is relevant for assessing or managing risks to a child victim survivor of family violence.

Consent (please tick):

☐ I **consent** to the sharing of all relevant personal information to ISEs

☐ I **consent to only my contact, date of birth and demographic details** being provided to ISEs

☐ I **do not consent** to the sharing of personal information to ISEs

Signature:	Date:
Registrar Signature:	Date:
Registrar Name:	Case number:

What information does the court collect?

The court is committed to ensuring the safety of people experiencing family violence, including children. To help us do this, we collect personal information from you. This information can include:

- Your name, including any aliases or previous names
- Your date of birth and the dates of birth of any children in your care
- Your address, contact details and how you would like to be contacted

We may collect personal information that relates to your experience of family violence, such as:

- Information that is provided to us as part of a Family Violence Intervention Order (FVIO) application
- Any history of family violence, other violent offences or criminal matters relating to a respondent
- Information relating to the health and wellbeing of children

What is demographic information?

Demographic details are basic facts about you and any children in your care, such as your gender, cultural background, LGBTIQ+ status, and whether you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. We collect this information to better understand and address your needs. To ensure that your specific family violence risk and needs are understood, and to connect you with the most appropriate support services, we may share your demographic information with Information Sharing Entities (ISEs).

Who can access my information?

Different areas of the court may be able to access your information as part of the operations of the court.

- **Magistrates** have access to information available to them through the court process. Magistrates can request information by asking questions of either party in open court.
- **Registrars** have access to your court file and will view any application you make in its entirety, for the purpose of preparing the matter to go before the Magistrate.
- Family violence applications and any orders made may be served on the respondent by a registrar of the court or by **Victoria Police**. Victoria Police will be able to view any orders made and the associated applications. The police may be provided with your contact phone number to allow them to inform you when an order has been served on the respondent.
- If necessary, we may provide some personal information to **court security** to keep you safe while you are attending a court location.

With your consent*, the court may share your personal information with external agencies, including:

- **Counselling providers** delivering the Court Mandated Counselling Order Program to respondents who have been ordered to attend counselling may contact you to discuss your safety whilst the respondent participates in approved counselling programs.
- **Information Sharing Entities (ISEs)** can request information about you from the court where it is necessary to assess and manage the risks of family violence. We will only share relevant information as defined by the scheme. A full list of ISEs can be found here: <https://www.vic.gov.au/ise-list-search>

** Please note in cases of 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.*

What can I do to correct information, or make a complaint?

You can contact your local court to amend certain information, including your address, date of birth, name (including correcting spelling) and contact details.

If you're not happy with how the court has handled your information, or have feedback on how the court could improve our services, you can submit a feedback and complaints form which can be found on <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/about-us/feedback>