

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET  
– Youth Survey –



## Young People's Attitudes Towards Domestic and Family Violence

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### RESEARCH TEAM

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### DESCRIPTION

This project is being undertaken by a team of researchers committed to exploring young peoples' attitudes and beliefs to various social issues in Australia by way of a survey.

The survey seeks to provide an understanding of young people's current attitudes towards violence domestic and family, what young people understand domestic and family violence to be, and what young people believe the causes of this violence are. You are not being asked to disclose or describe any personal violence that you may have experienced.

You are invited to participate in this project because you are a young person and we are interested in better understanding your attitudes and beliefs about domestic and family violence.

### PARTICIPATION

Participation will involve completing an anonymous questionnaire that will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes of your time. You will be asked questions about how you would define domestic and family violence, behaviours and attitudes that comprise domestic and family violence and what you think the causes may be.

Your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate you do not have to complete any question(s) you are uncomfortable answering. This is an anonymous survey and because of this we will not know whether individuals have decided to participate or not participate in the survey.

If you do agree to participate, you can withdraw from the project prior to completion of the questionnaire without comment or penalty by simply choosing not to complete the survey and logging out. However as the questionnaire is anonymous it will not be possible to withdraw once it has been submitted.

### EXPECTED BENEFITS

It is expected that this project will not directly benefit you. However, it may benefit Youth Action and White Ribbon Australia to develop policies and prevention programs based on young peoples' ideas and attitudes.

## RISKS

There may be minimal risks associated with your participation in this project. While you will not be asked to discuss personal experiences if you feel uncomfortable or distressed as a result of answering any of the survey questions you may wish to contact any of the following services for counselling or support should this occur.

In an emergency please contact the police or ambulance service on 000.

### For confidential help and information:

National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service  
1800 737 732  
[www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au)

Mensline  
1300 78 99 78  
[www.mensline.org.au](http://www.mensline.org.au)

Lifeline  
13 11 14  
[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

Relationships Australia  
1300 364 277  
[www.relationships.org.au](http://www.relationships.org.au)

Family Relationship Advice Line  
1800 050 321  
[www.familyrelationships.gov.au](http://www.familyrelationships.gov.au)

Kids Helpline  
1800 55 1800  
[www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

The Line Campaign  
1800 695 463  
[www.theline.gov.au](http://www.theline.gov.au)

Reach Out  
[www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)

eHeadspace  
1800 650 890  
<https://eheadspace.org.au/>

## CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

The return of the completed questionnaire is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate in this project.

## QUESTIONS / FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

If have any questions or require further information please contact one of the research team members below.

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### **CONCERNS / COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT**

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***Thank you for helping with this research project. Please keep this sheet for your information.***