



Facts and figures about family violence in Australia

Each week in Australia one woman is killed by her former or current partner.

Since the age of 15:

- 1 in 3 women had experienced physical violence from a current or former partner.
- 1 in 4 women had experienced emotional abuse.
- 1 in 4 children witness violence.

From the 2012 ABS Personal Safety Survey:

- For 62% of the women who had experienced physical violence, the most recent incidence was in their home.
- 58% had never contacted the police.
- 24% had never sought advice or support.
- 61% had children in their care when the violence happened, including 48% who said the children had seen and heard the violence.

Facts and figures about McAuley regarding family violence

From 2013 – 2014, we supported in our safe home and five refuges:

- 302 women and 168 children

Over the past four months:

- 11 women were pregnant.
- 38 had a mental health diagnosis, mainly anxiety and depression.
- 11 had been to a refuge before.
- 55 were homeless after leaving our safe home.

McAuley Care is the only safe house in Victoria open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We provide women and their children with emotional support as well as practical assistance with legal, medical and financial matters to help women assess their next steps and feel free and safe to make choices. While staying with us they are provided with meals, clothing and toiletries.

Our Children's Program addresses the traumatic effect family violence has on a mother and her child, and helps children to process their experiences and express their feelings through art activities, play and conversation.

McAuley receives 54% of funding from the Government for all of its services. The remainder comes from donations, philanthropy and corporate support.