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in an emergency**

Police Stations:

Townsville: 4759 9777
Kirwan: 4726 1000
Magnetic Island: 4778 5270
Mundingburra: 4726 8666
Stuart: 4799 8999
Deeragun: 4751 7777
Ayr: 4783 5888
Giru: 4782 9180
Bowen: 4761 3500
Palm Island: 4770 1802
Ingham: 4776 5500
Charters Towers: 4787 1333
Clare: 4782 7101
Collinsville: 4785 5377
Greenvale: 4788 4400
Halifax: 4777 7200
Home Hill: 4782 1300
Hughenden: 4741 1411
Pentland: 4788 1100
Priarie: 4741 5120
Richmond: 4741 3220
Rollingstone: 4770 7144
Torrens Creek: 4741 7220

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Against Violence #30

Breaches of Domestic Violence Protection Orders



What do I do with my Protection Order?

You should carry a copy of your Domestic Violence Protection Order with you at all times. This can save time if you need to call the police in cases of breaches of your order. Also, if the Respondent has not been served with a copy, the police can serve them with your original and you can obtain another copy from the courthouse or ask NQDVRS to assist you.

What do I do if the respondent breaches my Protection Order?

All incidents of breaches of Domestic Violence Protection Orders should be reported to the police. You will need to quote your order number which is in the top right hand corner of your order. It will start with the letters DV with numbers following.

What should the police do when I report a breach?

The police have an obligation to take full particulars of any allegations relating to a breach of a current protection order. To prove a breach of a current protection order and its conditions, police are required to have sufficient evidence to satisfy what is now a criminal charge.

If you are in danger call 000

What should the police give me if I report a breach of my Protection Order?

Police will complete a Crime Reporting Information System for Police report and a *CRISP* number allocated to the report. This number should be given to the person making the report at the time. If the *CRISP* number is unavailable, the name of the police officer taking the report should be obtained as soon as possible after making the report.

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What is the policy of the Queensland Police Service in relation to breaches of Protection Orders?

It is the policy of the Queensland Police Service that the proper effect be given to Domestic Violence Protection Orders, the respondent (the person the order is made against) should be held accountable for any action in contravention of the order.

When should the police take action for a breach of an order?

Police officers should take action for a breach of an order where the respondent contravenes a Domestic Violence Order

including a condition imposed by the Order if:

- The respondent was present in court when the order was made.
- The respondent was served with a copy of the order, or
- An officer told the respondent about the existence of the Order and conditions of the Order, or
- The respondent knowingly contravenes or fails to comply with conditions on which that person is released from custody.

What evidence is needed for a breach of a Protection Order?

The evidence supplied by the police and witnesses must be of such a standard that it satisfies the 'average citizen', that the respondent is responsible for the breach of the protection order. It must be proven '**beyond reasonable doubt**' that the respondent committed the offence. You will need to give concrete details of what happened. It may help to write down anything said or done as soon as possible after the incident.

If you require further information about breaches of a Protection Order please call the North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Service or your local police station.