**Social issues in Australia**

Find government information and support services relating to social issues.

[1800RESPECT – National sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service- external site](https://www.1800respect.org.au/)

National counselling helpline, information and support 24/7 for people experiencing the effects of sexual assault, domestic or family violence. Call **1800 737 732**
**IMPORTANT**: In an emergency – if anyone is in immediate danger – **please call 000 now**.

Department of Social Services

[Bullying. No way!- external site](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/)

School communities around Australia can increase understanding about the issues surrounding bullying, harassment and violence, hear others' stories, find out about resources, and share strategies and success stories across the nation.

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[Drinking Nightmare - external site](http://www.drinkingnightmare.gov.au/)

The National Binge Drinking Campaign. Along with a range of initiatives, it aims to reduce harms associated with drinking to intoxication by young Australians.

Department of Health

[eSafety Women- external site](https://www.esafety.gov.au/Women)

Provides a range of resources and advice to help women take control of their online experiences. Includes tips on how to check security settings across all digital devices, dealing with cyber stalking, trolling, and sharing intimate images without consent.

Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner

[Housing support programs- external site](https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/housing-support/programmes-services)

Programs and services to help make housing more available and reduce homelessness.

Department of Social Services

[Inside: Life in Children's Homes and Institutions- external site](http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/inside_life_in_childrens_homes_and_institutions/home)

An online exhibition based on personal histories of the 'forgotten Australians', Former Child Migrants and those who experienced institutional care as children.
Read the [blog posts- external site](http://nma.gov.au/blogs/inside/) which give a voice for those who were inside.

National Museum of Australia

[Living Safe Together- external site](http://www.livingsafetogether.gov.au/pages/home.aspx)

A place to share ideas and experiences, and celebrate the work already being done to build resilient communities that take action against violent extremism.

Attorney-General's Department

[MindMatters- external site](http://www.mindmatters.edu.au/)

A mental health initiative for secondary schools that aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Department of Health

[Online gambling- external site](https://www.communications.gov.au/policy/policy-listing/interactive-gambling-act-2001)

Provides information on the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (IGA), which prohibits providing certain interactive gambling services to a customer physically present in Australia. Includes links to information on the Interactive Gambling Industry Code and the complaints process.

More

* [FAQ's online gambling- external site](https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/internet/internet-governance/online-gambling)

Department of Communications and the Arts

[Organ donor registration- external site](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-organ-donor-register)

The only national register for people to record their decision about becoming an organ and tissue donor for transplantation after death. Family consent is always sought before donation can proceed.

Department of Human Services

[Our Watch- external site](http://www.ourwatch.org.au/)

Aims to drive nationwide change in the culture, behaviours and power imbalances that lead to violence against women and their children.

Our Watch

[Racism. It Stops With Me.- external site](http://itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au/)

The National Anti-Racism Strategy campaign invites all Australians to reflect on what they can do to counter racism wherever it happens.

Australian Human Rights Commission

[Racism. No Way.- external site](http://www.racismnoway.com.au/)

Aims to tackle racism in schools in Australia, through providing teachers, school students, parents and governors with games, research and lesson ideas that explore the causes and effects of racism for practical use in the classroom.

Department of Education and Training

[Reducing violence- external site](https://www.dss.gov.au/women/programs-services/reducing-violence)

Programs and services to help reduce violence against women and their children.

Department of Social Services

[Take a Stand- external site](http://takeastandtogether.gov.au/)

Provides information and helpful ideas about bullying.

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Take a Stand Together

Download for:

* [Android- external site](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.au.gov.qld.deta.takeastand)

* [iOS- external site](https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/take-a-stand/id507931486)

Provides students with tips and advice which they can apply to different bullying situations.

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The Allen Adventure

Download for:

* [Android- external site](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=air.au.gov.qld.dete.allenadventure)

* [iOS iPad- external site](https://itunes.apple.com/app/id610042067)

This fun and interactive app teaches children social and emotional skills and how to identify and deal with inappropriate behaviour from other children. Suitable for children from 3 to 8 years of age.

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[Violence, harassment and bullying- external site](http://bullying.humanrights.gov.au/)

These are issues that concern not only children and young people. Provides links to factsheets for on how to deal with bullying, information on people’s rights, and links and numbers on where to find help.