



DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING

What is domestic and family violence (DFV) risk assessment and management training?

DFV risk assessment and management training is a standardised learning experience to build skills in identifying DFV, assessing DFV risk and responding to DFV risk. The training supports the implementation of the Risk Assessment and Management Framework (RAMF), and is for all workers who come into contact with DFV.

What is the RAMF?

The Northern Territory DFV RAMF is a set of evidence-based information, tools and resources to support workers to identify DFV, assess DFV risk and respond to DFV risk. The RAMF helps us understand and share a common language and approach so we can work together to keep people safe.

A key component of the RAMF is the Common Risk Assessment Tool (CRAT), an evidence-based tool to assess DFV risk, particularly risk factors that are predictive of harm or death.

You can find the RAMF and its tools, including the CRAT, at <https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/dfv/ramf>

Who is the training for?

The training is for all workers who come into contact with DFV victim survivors, whether that is their core business (such as specialist DFV workers) or whether they come into contact with victim survivors through the course of their work, such as police, justice, health, housing or education service providers.

Why are there two different workshops?

Victim survivors of DFV may enter the service system at a number of different points. All workers across the service system have a shared responsibility for identifying and responding to DFV risk, even if DFV is not their core business. Workers will have different roles and levels of responsibility in implementing DFV risk assessment and management, depending on the function of the service and the skill and experience of the worker.

This is why there are two distinct training modules, each of which runs for a full day.

Workshop 1 is designed for those who undertake DFV screening (identification), but who are not responsible for comprehensive risk assessment and management.

Workshop 2 is designed for those who undertake comprehensive DFV risk assessment and management.

You should choose only ONE of the workshops, based on which is the right one for you. There is no need to attend both.

Where and when is the training available?

The Northern Territory Council of Social Service (NTCOSS) is coordinating the training on behalf of the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities.

Training is available in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy, depending on demand.

To register go to the NTCOSS calendar and select the correct workshop for you.

<http://ntcoss.org.au/dfsctraining-calendar/>

What if the workshop I want to attend is booked out?

This training will be offered on an ongoing basis. If you are unable to book a place in this round, look out for further training in future rounds.

What is covered in Workshop 1: Introduction to DFV identification, risk assessment and risk management?

Workshop 1 is for workers whose responsibilities under the RAMF extend to DFV identification and screening, as well as immediate risk management. These workers do not usually have a specialist DFV role, and do not undertake comprehensive DFV risk assessment or management.

They may, however, be the first to come into contact with a DFV victim survivor, and so need to know how to screen for DFV, and how to refer to for risk assessment and management.

Workshop 1 covers:

- roles and responsibilities under the RAMF
- screening for DFV
- responding to immediate safety needs
- understanding how to share information appropriately and meet mandatory reporting obligations
- understanding and managing vicarious trauma
- collaborative and interagency practice when working with DFV victim survivors.

What is covered in Workshop 2: Comprehensive DFV risk assessment and management?

Workshop 2 is for workers whose responsibilities under the RAMF extend to comprehensive DFV risk assessment and management. These workers usually have a DFV specialist role, or may be a representative on the Family Safety Framework (FSF).

Workshop 2 covers:

- roles and responsibilities under the RAMF
- evidence-based DFV risk factors and assessing risk using the CRAT
- responding to the needs of DFV victim survivors to

increase safety, including safety planning

- understanding how to share information appropriately and meet mandatory reporting obligations
- understanding and managing vicarious trauma
- collaborative and interagency practice when working with DFV victim survivors.

Are there pre-requisites?

Yes. Participants must have a foundational understanding of DFV before registering for either workshop. This can be gained through professional experience (working in a DFV related capacity for a minimum of 1 year), or having completed DFV awareness training.

DFV awareness training is currently delivered by Dawn House, Women's Safety Services of Central Australia, Central Australian Women's Legal Service, DV-Alert (online option available) and Tangentyere Council (online). Some agencies also provide in-house training for their staff so check whether this is available to you.

Continuing Professional Development

Completion of RAMF training attracts CDP points for legal practitioners and social workers.

What about FSF training?

FSF training has been replaced by the RAMF training, which includes information about how the FSF operates and how to refer to the FSF. FSF training satisfies the pre-requisite for RAMF training.

I am a manager or board member and want more information about the RAMF

An orientation video is being prepared to brief organisational leaders in the RAMF. This will be available in mid 2021 on the website.

How can I become a trainer?

To ensure sustainability, there will be a train the trainer program so we can create a pool of qualified RAMF trainers. Contact us if you are interested in this.

Where can I find out more?

The RAMF and all tools are available online at: <https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/dfv/ramf>

Register for training at: <https://ntcoss.org.au/dfsctraining-calendar/>

For all other information contact the Office of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Policy in Territory Families, Housing and Communities on (08) 8935 7803 or dfv@nt.gov.au

