

Learn about violence and abuse BOOK 1

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LEARN ABOUT VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

These books have two sections:

Section One

The **first** section has a blue border and can help you understand **how to use these books**.

Section Two

The **second** section has an orange border and can help you understand **what may have happened to you**.





GET HELP

- Call **000** if you are in danger now
- Call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732
- Chat at <u>www.1800respect.org.au.</u>

HOW TO USE THESE BOOKS



These books can help you:

- Learn about violence
- Learn about rights
- Get help from **1800RESPECT**.



These books have pictures and words that can help you understand what has happened to you.



You can ask someone you trust to help you with these books.

This might be a:

- Disability support worker
- A family violence support worker
- A carer
- A family member
- The police.

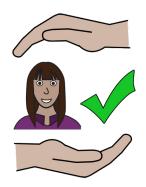


These books include words and pictures about violence that may:

- Make you feel sad, upset or confused
- Remind you of a bad experience.

There are 3 books in this series:

- Learn about violence Book 1
- Learn about rights Book 2
- Where violence can happen and who can do violence **Book 3**.



Remember

You have the right to be safe from violence.



Get Help 1800RESPECT can help women with disability who experience violence.



WHO TO USE THESE BOOKS WITH



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You might be seeing these books for the first time with a:

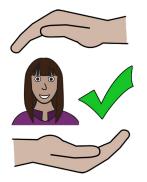
- · A disability support worker
- A family violence worker
- A carer
- A family member
- The police

You can ask these people to help you if you are unsure of how you feel or have questions.



The person you are reading this with can help and support you.

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YOU CAN CONTACT 1800RESPECT IN DIFFERENT WAYS



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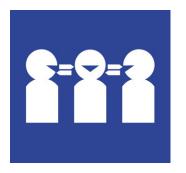
You can chat online on your computer or phone.

Go to chat at <u>www.1800RESPECT.org.au</u>



If you need a relay service (NRS)

- Call 1800 555 677
- or TTY 133 677
- Then ask for 1800 737 732.



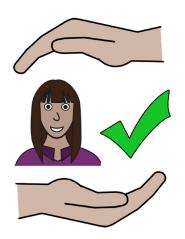
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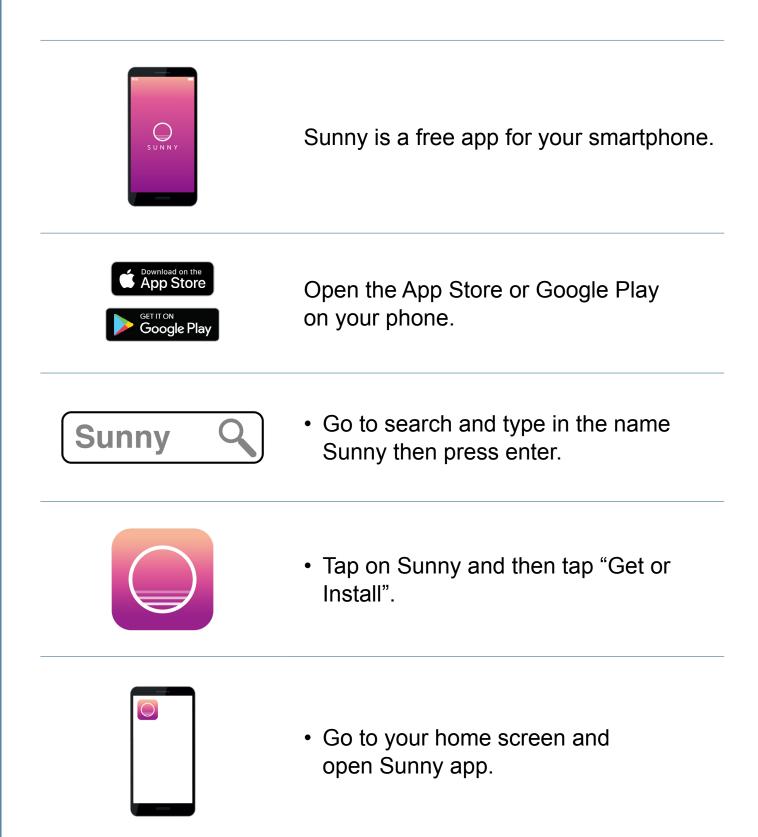
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TYPES OF VIOLENCE

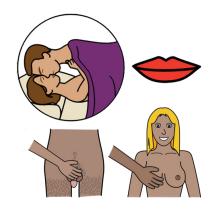


LEARN ABOUT Sexual violence



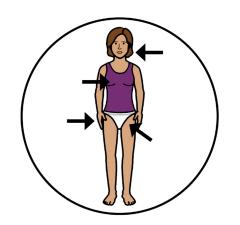
Sexual violence

• Sexual violence is when people make you do sex when you do not want to.



Sex is when people

 Touch or kiss each other's body and private parts.



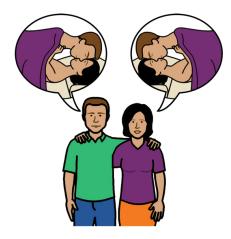
Private parts can be

- Vagina
- Breasts
- Bottom
- Penis
- Any other part of a body.



Sex is when people

 Put their penis, finger, dildo or something else into another person's body.



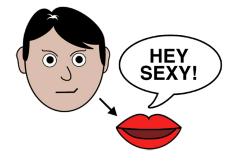
• Talk about sex things.



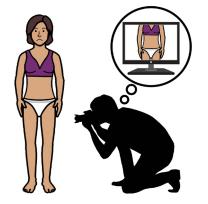
 Watch sex things (porn) on TV or online.



- · Sexual violence is when people
- Make you do sex when you do not want to
- Touch your body when you do not want them to.



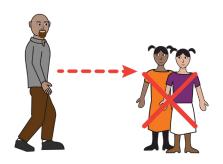
• Say sex jokes or words that make you scared or frightened.



• Take or share a naked photo or video of you when you do not want to.



• Make you have sex for money.



• Do sex things to a child.



Sexual violence can also be called:

- Sexual abuse
- Sexual assault or rape
- Sexual harassment.

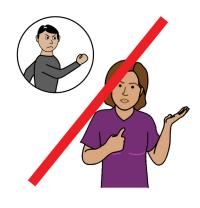


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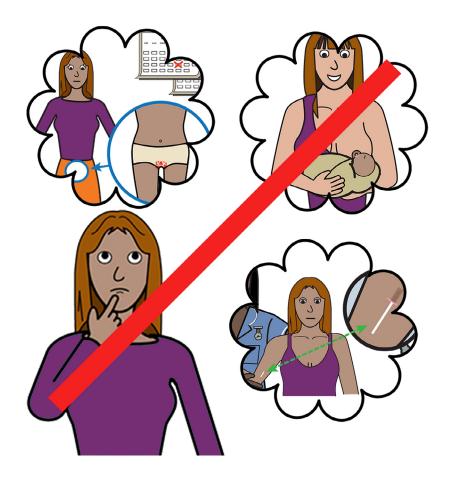
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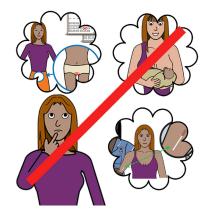
• Sexual violence is never your fault.



• Go to Page 57 to get help and be safe.

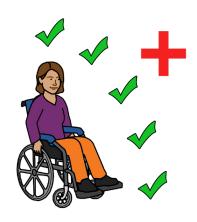


LEARN ABOUT Sexual Health Violence



SEXUAL HEALTH VIOLENCE

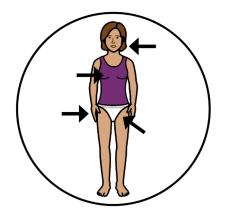
Sexual health violence is when people do not let you make choices about sexual health.



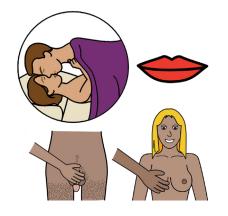
• Sexual health is about being a healthy person.



• Sexual health choices can be about what happens to your body.



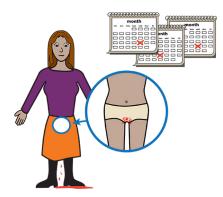
 What you do with your private body parts – vagina, breasts, bottom, penis.



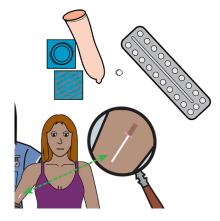
• Sex.



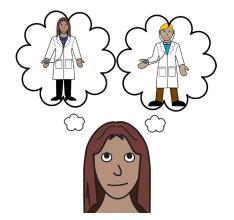
• Having a baby.



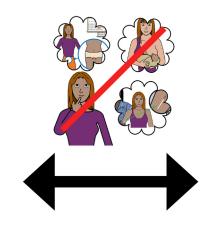
• Periods.



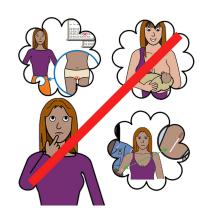
• If you use contraception.



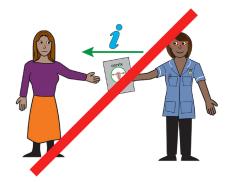
• Who you want to help you with sexual health.



• Sexual health violence can also be called reproductive violence.



 Sexual health violence is when people do not let you make choices about your sexual health.



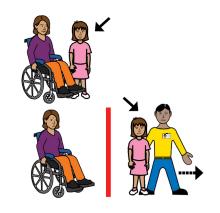
• Do not give you information about sexual health.



• Do not let you have sex if you want to and when it is safe.



• Stop you from having a baby.



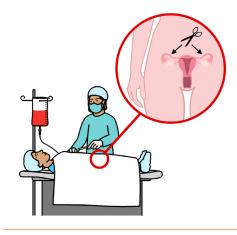
• Take your child away, just because you have a disability.



• Sexual health violence is when people make you use contraception when you do not want to.

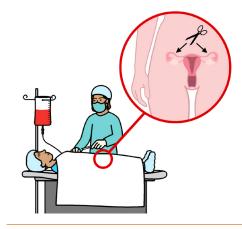


 Take off a condom during sex when you do not want them to.



Sexual health violence is when people make you have an operation that stops you:

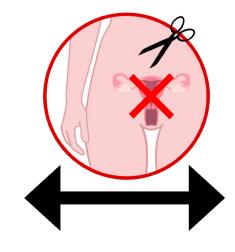
- Getting your period
- Having a baby.



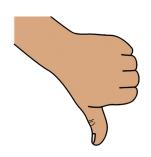
- This operation can be called sterilisation
- Getting your tubes tied.



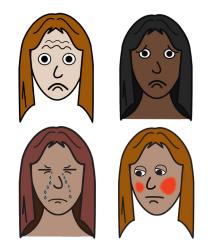
• Sexual health violence is when people cut or remove parts of your vagina.



- This operation can be called female circumcision
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

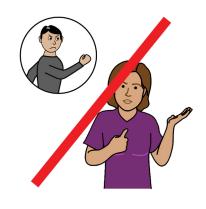


• Sexual health violence is never okay.



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LEARN ABOUT RESTRAINT VIOLENCE



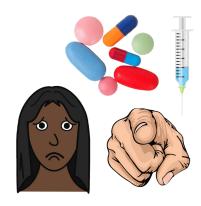
RESTRAINT VIOLENCE

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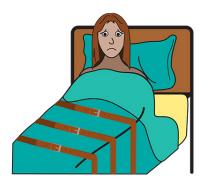


Restraint violence is when people:

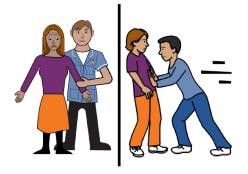
• Lock you in a place where you can not get out.



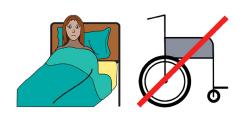
Make you take medication that you do not want.



Use straps or blankets to stop you moving.



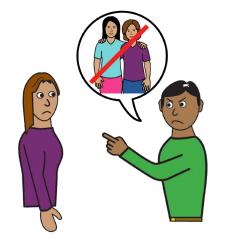
• Use their body to stop you moving.



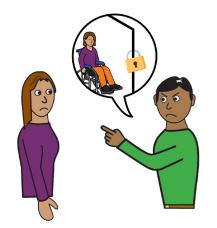
 Do not let you access things you need, like a wheelchair.



• Do not let you access your favourite things.



• Stop you from being with friends, family or partner.



• Say they will punish you.

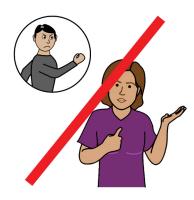


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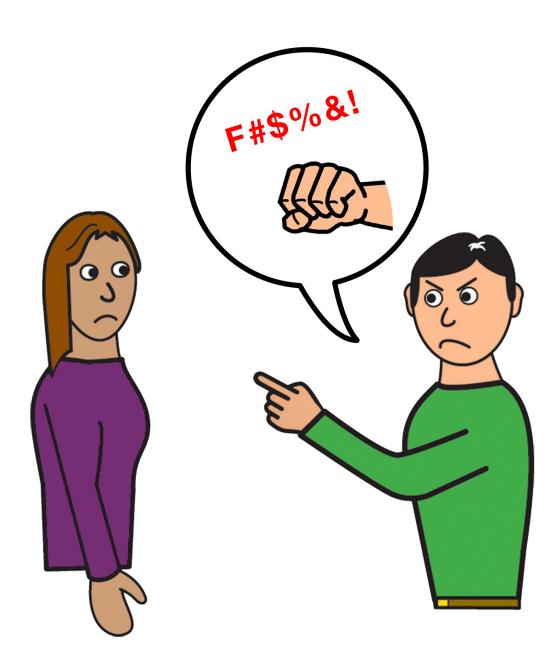
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LEARN ABOUT Emotional violence



EMOTIONAL VIOLENCE

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• Use words or threats to hurt you.



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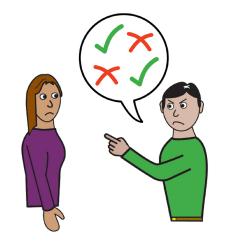
- Say they will hurt you
- Shout at you or say things that makes you feel bad.



• Say they will hurt your child.



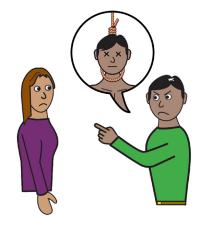
• Say they will hurt your pet.



• Tell you what you can and cannot do.



• Call you bad names or make fun of you.



• Say they will hurt themselves if you do not do something.



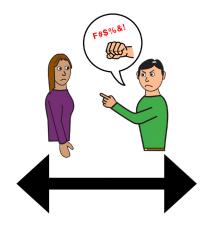
• Stop you from being with friends, family or a partner.



• Do not let you make choices.

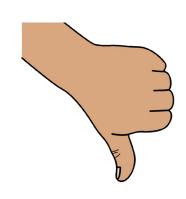


• Do things that make you scared or frightened.



Emotional violence is also called:

- Psychological abuse
- Verbal abuse.

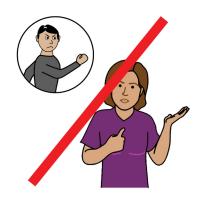


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LEARN ABOUT Physical violence

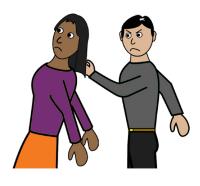


PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

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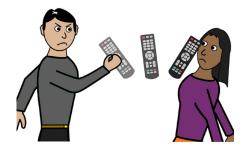
• Physical violence is when people slap, hit, punch or kick you.



• Pull your hair.



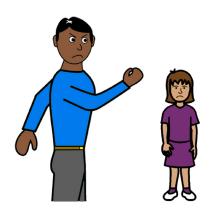
• Strangle you.



• Throw things at you.



• Do things that make you scared, like punching a wall.



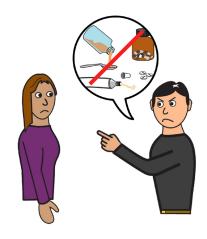
• Hit, punch or slap your child.



• Hurt your pet.



 Make you drink alcohol or take drugs you do not want.



• Do not give you medication you need.



• Break your things.

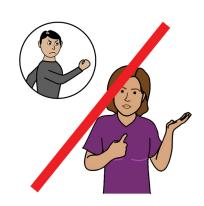


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LEARN ABOUT Money violence



MONEY VIOLENCE

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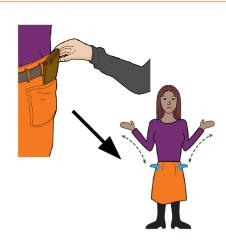


• We use money to buy things we want or need.



Money violence is when people:

- Do not let you spend your money on things you want or need
- Use you for your money.



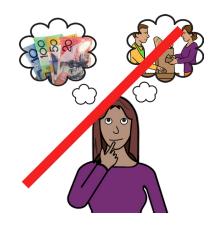
• Steal or take your money or bank card.



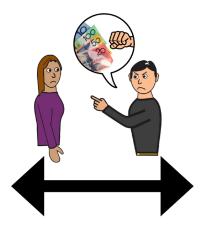
- Blackmail you
- Say they will hurt you if you do not give them money.



• Do not help you learn about money.



• Use your personal details to get loans or bank debts.



Money violence is also called

- Financial violence
- Financial abuse.

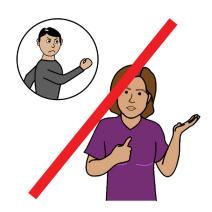


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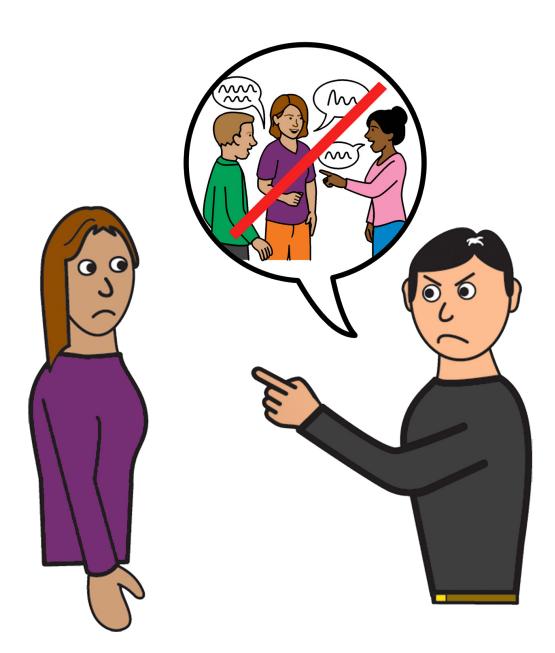
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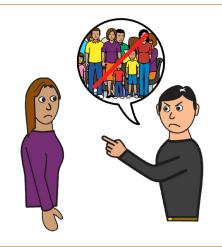


LEARN ABOUT Social violence



SOCIAL VIOLENCE

Social violence is when people control what you can and can not do.



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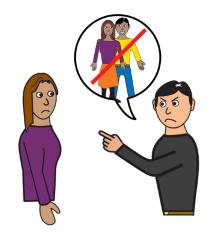
• Do not let you spend time with friends, family or partners.



Say you who you can and can not talk to.



• Do not let you go to groups or events.



• Do not let you date or have a relationship.



• Do not let you use a phone or computer.



• Do not let you work.

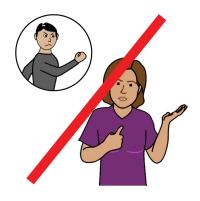


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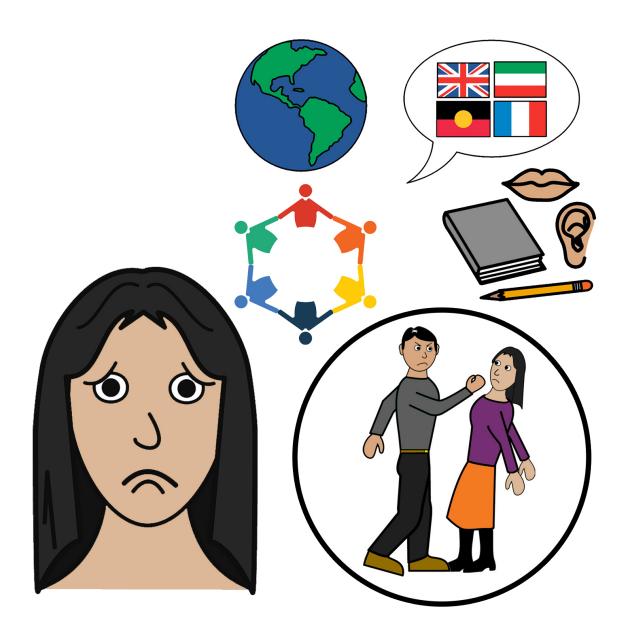
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LEARN ABOUT Cultural violence



CULTURAL VIOLENCE

Cultural violence is when people use culture to hurt us.



Culture is the way a group of people live

- Everyone is part of a culture
- There are many different cultures
- We can belong to more than one culture.



Culture can help us choose:

- What clothes we wear
- What we eat.

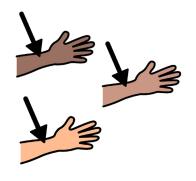


- Who we have relationships with
- Where we live.



Culture can be about:

- The language we speak
- What we believe
- How we understand the world
- What traditions are important to us.



- What we look like
- The colour of our skin.

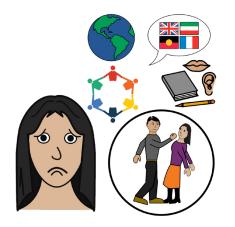


Cultural violence can be when people:

 Do not let you do culture things you want or need to do



• Make you do culture things when you do not want to.



- Use culture to say that violence is ok
- Do not help you because of your culture.



• Make you feel bad about your culture.



- Make you have a relationship with someone who does violence
- Make you do things that are not part of your culture.

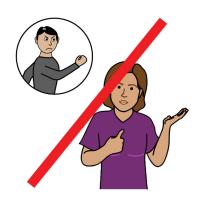


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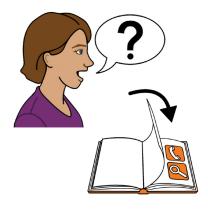


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LEARN ABOUT Spiritual violence



SPIRITUAL VIOLENCE

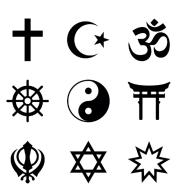
Spiritual violence is when people use

• Spiritual or religious beliefs to hurt us.

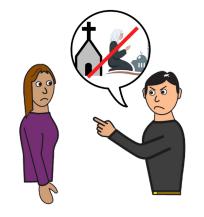


Spiritual beliefs can be about:

- How we should be in the world
- Where we come from
- What happens when we die
- How the world came to be if god(s) exists.



• A set of spiritual beliefs agreed by a big group of people is called a religion.

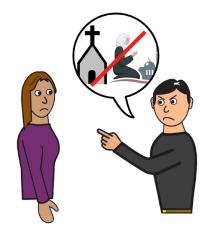


Spiritual violence can be when people

 Do not let you do spiritual or religion things you want or need to do.



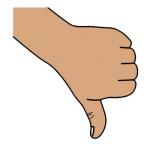
- Make you do spiritual or religion things when you do not want to
- Use spiritual beliefs or religion to say that violence is ok.



- Do not help you because of your spiritual beliefs
- Make you feel bad about your spiritual beliefs.



- Make you have a relationship with someone who does violence
- Make you do things that are not part of your spiritual beliefs.

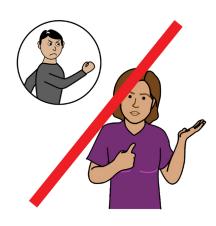


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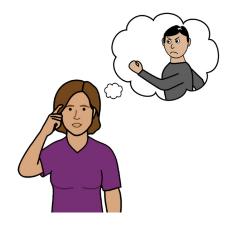
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1800RESPECT can help women with disability who experience violence.



Has someone:

- Done violence to you?
- Done violence to someone you know?



Are you:

- Scared about violence?
- Not sure if something is violence?
- Feeling sad or upset?
- Not sure about your rights?



You can get help

- Call **000** if you are in danger now
- Call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732
- Chat at <u>www.1800respect.org.au.</u>



If you need a relay service (NRS)

- Call 1800 555 677
- or **TTY 133 677**
- Then ask for 1800 737 732.



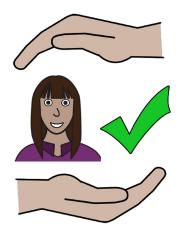
If you need a translator (TIS)

- Call 131 450
- Then ask for 1800 737 732.



You can ask someone you trust to help you call 1800RESPECT.

It is OK if you are not ready to get help yet.



REMEMBER!

You have the right to be safe from violence.

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