

Domestic Violence Electronic Monitoring (DVEM) program

Factsheet

The DVEM program electronically monitors certain higher risk domestic violence offenders in the community using GPS technology.

The key aims of the DVEM program are to deter repeat domestic violence offenders from reoffending and to keep victim-survivors safe.

Who is involved in the DVEM program?

The DVEM program commenced in 2017 as part of the NSW Government's Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform.

DVEM is an interagency program involving:

- the Department of Communities and Justice
- NSW Police and
- Legal Aid NSW (the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program).

How does the DVEM program work?

All higher risk domestic violence offenders are assessed for the DVEM program by Community Corrections. Eligible offenders are electronically monitored as part of a supervised parole order or Intensive Correction Order.

Offenders are monitored for compliance with the exclusion zone listed on their Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO). The exclusion zone is an area the offender is not allowed to enter, for example, a suburb.

The offender is fitted with an electronic ankle bracelet which monitors their location at all times. Electronic monitoring is used as a case management tool to assist in managing offender behaviour, in conjunction with other behaviour change interventions and strategies.

What happens if there's a breach of the exclusion zone?

If an offender breaches their exclusion zone, NSW Police will respond.

How are victim-survivors supported?

When an offender is monitored under the DVEM program, victim-survivors (the primary protected person on the ADVO) are also offered support from specialist domestic violence services.

For women, this support is provided by the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services. For men, this support is by local support services managed by Victims Services.

Where suitable, victim-survivors may also be offered a matched electronic monitoring device.

Questions?

If you are an offender currently being monitored under DVEM and have any questions, please contact your Community Corrections Officer. For legal advice, contact Law Access on 1300 888 529.

If you are victim-survivor whose ex-partner or family member is being electronically monitored, please contact:

- For women, the WDVCAS on **1800 WDVCAS**
- For men, Victims Services on **1800 633 063**.

For general questions about DVEM

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