

**Joint  
Venture**

**Eliminating**  
family violence  
and sexual violence



# **Have your say**

**about ending family violence and  
sexual violence**

**June 2021**

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# A friendly warning



This booklet is about **violence**.

**Violence** is when people hurt other people.

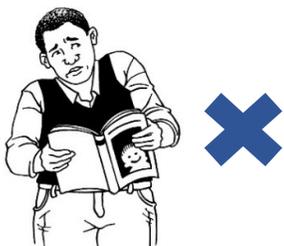
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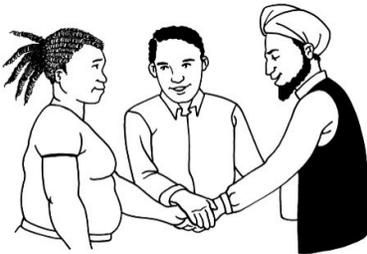
If you are worried or concerned after reading this document you can talk about it with:

- your family / friends
- your support workers.



## What is the Joint Venture?

The Joint Venture is 10 different government agencies working together to stop:



- **sexual violence**
- **family violence**



**Sexual violence** is making you do sexual things when you do not want to.

Sexual violence does not have to mean someone touching you.



For example someone making you watch **pornography** is sexual violence.



**Pornography** is pictures or film of people having sex.



**Family violence** is violence by:

- your partner
- someone in your family
- someone you live with
- someone you have a close personal relationship with like:
  - someone you are dating
  - a carer.





Family violence can take different forms like:

- sexual violence
- physical violence like hitting you
- financial abuse like not letting you spend your money
- emotional abuse like calling you names.



Family violence can also mean:

- not giving you the care you need
- not letting you see a doctor.





Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whara



The 10 government agencies who are part of the Joint Venture are:

- ACC / Accident Compensation Corporation
- Department of Corrections
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Social Development
- New Zealand Police
- Oranga Tamariki
- Te Puni Kōkiri – Ministry of Māori Development
- Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.



We are asking you to have your say about the ways we plan to **stop**:

- family violence
- sexual violence.



## Our vision



A **vision** is how we want things to be.

The vision of the Joint Venture is for family and sexual violence in Aotearoa New Zealand to stop.



This will mean people can be:

- safe
- well
- **thriving.**



**Thriving** means living your life well.



To make this vision happen:

- there needs to be lots more work on stopping violence
- tangata whenua and communities need to have the power to lead changes that fit:
  - their needs
  - what is important to them.



# Focus areas



**Focus areas** are the things we want to put most work into.

There are **7** focus areas.

The focus areas are:



1. Recognise **te ao Māori**.

**Te ao Māori** is the Māori way of understanding the world.



2. Different parts of government working closely together.



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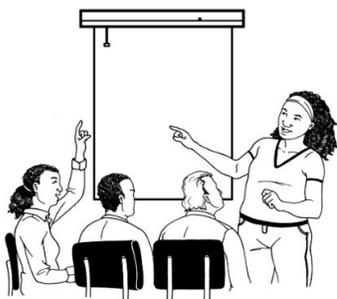
3. Recognise ways of stopping violence that are led by:

- **tangata whenua**
- communities.



**Tangata whenua** is another way of saying Māori.

4. Support people whose jobs mean they can be part of stopping family violence and sexual violence.



This can be people whose job is to stop violence.



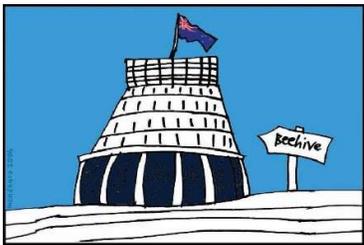
It can also mean people who may see people at work who have experienced violence.



More support means these people will know what to do if they find out about violence.



5. Put more work into stopping violence happening in the first place.



6. Make ways for the government to make changes.

7. Make it so everyone can keep:



- learning
- making things better.

# Have your say



We are asking you to **have your say** about stopping family and sexual violence.



You can have your say until:

**30 June 2021.**



Some of the groups of people we most want to hear from are:

- Tangata Whenua / Māori
- people who have had violence done to them
- people who use violence
- Pacific peoples
- disabled people.



We also most want to hear from:



- **new migrant and refugee communities**
- **ethnic communities.**



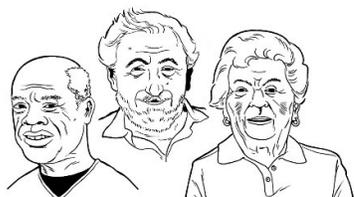
**New migrants and refugees** are people new to New Zealand.



**Ethnic communities** are people whose families are from places like:

- Asia
- Africa
- Latin America.





We also most want to hear from:

- older people
- tamariki and rangatahi / children and young people
- **rainbow communities.**



**Rainbow communities** mean people who are:

- lesbian
- gay
- bisexual
- transgender
- questioning which means not sure what words best fit them.





**Rainbow communities** also mean people who are:

- intersex
- asexual
- takatāpui
- use other similar words to talk about themselves.

## What we want to find out



There are **4 questions** we want you to think about when you have your say:



1. How do you keep people safe in your:

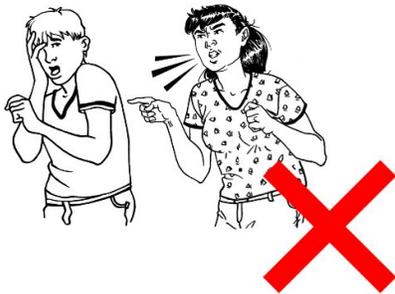
- whānau
- family
- community?





2. What support does:

- your whānau / family need to keep safe?
- your community need to keep safe?



3. What things need to happen to make sure there is no family violence and sexual violence in Aotearoa New Zealand?

4. What things need to happen first?



What things are most important?

# How to have your say



There are 3 ways you can have your say:



1. at a hui / meeting

2. filling in an online survey



3. making a submission – this is when you send us something that tells us about what you think.

## 1. Hui / meeting



There will be hui organised by different groups.

Only people who are invited will go to the hui.



You may get invited by a group you are part of.

## 2. Online survey



An **online survey** is where you answer questions on the computer about what you think.

You can fill in the survey at:

<https://bit.ly/3uKaciv>



The survey is not in Easy Read.



You may want to ask someone to support you when filling in the survey.

### 3. Submissions



A **submission** is when you send us something that tells us what you think.



You can make a submission:

- on your own
- with other people.



A submission could be:

- writing
- a picture you have made
- a video recording
- a voice recording.





There is more information on how to make a submission on our website.



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If you have written your submission on paper you can take a **photo** to send to us.



You can send us your submission by:

- **Email:**

[submissions@violencefree.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@violencefree.govt.nz)



- **Post:**

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We need to have your submission by:

**30 June 2021.**



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## What happens next?



We will use the things you tell us when we make our:

- National Strategy
- Action Plans



Our **National Strategy** will say what we agree needs to be done to stop family and sexual violence in Aotearoa New Zealand.



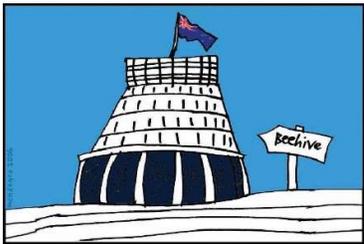
Our **Action Plans** will make sure we:

- put the same things first
- move forward together.



We will then send **Cabinet** our:

- National Strategy
- Action Plans



**Cabinet** makes decisions for New Zealand.

**Cabinet** is:

- the Prime Minister
- some other MPs who are part of the government.

## Where to find more information

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You can find more information about  
the Joint Venture on our **website**:



**[www.violencefree.govt.nz](http://www.violencefree.govt.nz)**

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