

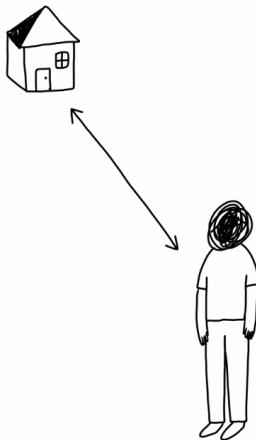
How do I get my stuff back If there's a Family Violence Order?



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Sometimes a Family Violence Order (FVO) will change where you live, or who you have contact with. This can make it difficult to get your stuff back—for example, if you've left your things at their house.

Not all FVOs have conditions that will stop you from getting your things, so you should get legal advice about your situation. Sometimes you can ask the police if they can help you get your things.

Sometimes the court can make an order so you can safely collect your personal things, like:

- your clothes
- toiletries
- documents like passports, tax returns, birth certificates or other personal papers
- children's toys.

You can get legal advice about this.



If you were in a relationship with the other person, the two of you may need to divide up your things by doing a property settlement. You need to tell the court if you already have family law property orders, or have applied for family law property orders.

When it makes a FVO, the court may order:

- the respondent (the person the order is against) to give the protected person things they or their child need
- to stop the respondent from taking personal things the protected person or their child need.

For more information, get legal advice.