



# Housing Trust Commitment to Domestic and Family Violence

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## **It stops here: Standing together to end domestic and family violence**

Housing Trust recognises that domestic and family violence can happen to anyone, regardless of social background, disability, age, gender, religion, sexuality or ethnicity. We also recognise that domestic and family violence affects both male and female victims, including those in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer relationships. We are committed to supporting victims of domestic and family violence regardless of gender or sexuality.

Housing Trust takes domestic and family violence seriously and is committed to providing a sensitive and confidential response to anyone approaching us for assistance in cases of domestic and family violence.

Housing Trust is committed to building our skills, capacity and practice to identify indicators of domestic and family violence and to work with victims to assist them to manage their housing and support situation.

Housing Trust will take appropriate action that balances the wishes of the victim with the rights of the landlord to protect the property and the safety and wellbeing of other household members and neighbours.

Housing Trust will also work with support services and other partners to assist victims and deal with perpetrators as domestic and family violence requires a multi-agency approach.

**This commitment applies to all tenants and applicants of the Housing Trust**