

Hauraki District Council

Domestic Violence Policy 2011

1. OBJECTIVE:

Hauraki District Council's Domestic Violence Policy 2011 aims to promote and support the vision to create a Violence Free Hauraki.

2. POLICY:

- Council will take an active role in advocating that Domestic Violence is not acceptable in the Hauraki District Community.
- Council will work in conjunction with external Domestic Violence service provider agencies, where appropriate, in a supporting function to help raise awareness of the unacceptability of domestic violence, the impact domestic violence has on individuals and their families; and methods to reduce domestic violence in the Hauraki Community.

3. RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

This policy is voluntarily developed by Hauraki District Council and not required by any statute, however, the Domestic Violence Act 1995 and the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1989 are relevant pieces of legislation to the policy.

4. RELATED HDC POLICIES/STRATEGIES OR GUIDELINES:

Hauraki Violence Free Charter.

5. DEFINITIONS:

Domestic Violence: Domestic violence is a general term to describe a range of behaviour often used by one person to control and dominate another with whom they have, or have had, a close or family relationship and in which the abuser operates from a position of perceived power. Domestic violence can take place against the elderly or against children - it can take place in any form of close relationship regardless of gender or age of either the victim or the perpetrator.

Violence Free Charter: The Hauraki Violence Free Charter is a high-level set of principles to guide the Hauraki community towards actions that seek a violence free community.

Domestic Violence Service Provider: Agency or staff members of an agency that primarily or exclusively provides comprehensive services regarding domestic violence.

6. AUDIENCE:


Hauraki Community.

The whole of the Hauraki community is affected by domestic violence to some degree. Domestic violence not only affects the social well-being of the individuals involved but it also has implications for their families, friends and places of work, and future generations.

7. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE:

This policy will be implemented and reviewed in conjunction with the Hauraki District Council Action Plan (Annexure One) on the Domestic Violence Policy.

8. DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL:

	Title:		<i>Hauraki District Council Domestic Violence Policy 2011.</i>	
	Sponsor:		Approved By:	
	<i>Policy Analyst</i>		<i>Council</i>	
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9. Annexure One:

Action Plan to implement Hauraki Domestic Violence policy

There are a number of actions Council is able to take to implement its policy. These may include:

Project	How	Who
Support white ribbon day	Liaise with Hauraki Family Violence Intervention Network (HFVIN) and other agencies where applicable	Mayor
Work with Domestic Violence service providers to provide information on domestic violence in work places District wide where employees can obtain this information without having to request it or be seen removing it such as rest rooms.		HR and HFVIN
Compliment community service campaigns with media campaigns and support education and awareness campaigns especially those that target young people, family and men.		Communication/ Community Development
Develop and/or strengthen relationships with agencies that deal specifically with Maori domestic violence issues.	As required	Communication/ Community Development
Advocacy to Central Government to increase financial support of the local community resources regarding domestic violence particularly for difficult areas e.g. training for those involved with domestic violence.		Mayor
Utilise existing partnerships with the media so that antiviolenace campaigns continue through changes in media ownership and leadership.	As required	Mayor
Seek corporate and business partnerships to support domestic violence campaigns.	As required	Mayor and HFVIN
Launch the Hauraki Family Violence Charter (display it in Council buildings and local businesses throughout the district).	Liaise with Hauraki Family Violence Intervention Network (HFVIN)	HFVIN and Council representative
Continuation and expansion of workplace support for Hauraki District Council staff through relationships with HR and HFVIN.	On going and as required	HR and HFVIN