

VSS Helpdesk  
**1800 VICTIM**  
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Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 5.00pm

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### VSS Offices

Adelaide (Metropolitan)

Murray Bridge (Murraylands)

Port Augusta (Far North)

Port Lincoln (Lower Eyre)

Port Pirie (Yorke & Mid North)

Berri (Riverland)

Mount Gambier (South East/Limestone Coast)

Whyalla (Upper Eyre)



# Staying Home Staying Safe

SHSS: A program for women and children who have been affected by domestic or family violence and want to remain in their own home



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## Aim

To reduce homelessness for women and children who have been subject to domestic or family violence by giving them the choice to remain in contact with their communities, schools and support systems by assisting them to remain in their own home.

## Foundation

- women and children have the right to be safe from harm.
- it is better if women and children can remain in their homes and communities and have the violence leave.
- Staying Home Staying Safe provides an alternative for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

## Eligibility

Women:

- with or without children.
- at risk of homelessness due to domestic or family violence.
- wanting help to stay in their own home without the violent person.
- living in housing capable of being made safer by the addition of home security.

## Services

- safety planning assistance
- provision of tailored home security packages including installation/changing of locks, sensor lights and security screens
- provision of mobile phones and duress alarm phones where appropriate
- seamless referral pathways to additional support services

# Other Support Services

We offer people who have been affected by crime:

## Safety

- Free and confidential services
- Safety assessments and home security upgrades
- Assistance with Intervention Orders

## Support

- Information and referrals through our 1800 VICTIM Helpdesk
- Counselling
- Face-to-face, telephone and outreach services
- Assistance with Victim Impact Statements
- Support for co-victims of homicide
- Support services funded by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Fact sheets and brochures
- Resource Centre

## Justice

- Legal advice regarding intervention orders
- Support to navigate the criminal justice system, including Court Companions
- Information about Victims of Crime Compensation
- An amplified voice through our research, advocacy, media and training