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COERCIVE CONTROL IS FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Coercion Hurts

Family and Domestic Violence Campaign

Stakeholder Toolkit

Fourth Edition – April 2026

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Purpose of this toolkit

The WA Government has created assets to support the 'Coercion Hurts' family and domestic violence campaign.

This toolkit contains posters and social media content to download and share with a range of audiences including the general population, Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse communities. It also encourages participation in the campaign through the sharing of WA Government social media posts, as well as ideas and tips for creating your own content about coercive control.

Additionally, an Understanding Coercive Control Easy Read document is available for download to share information with people with low literacy.

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About the campaign

The Western Australian Government is committed to reducing family and domestic violence (FDV) in WA and has launched a State-wide campaign to raise awareness of an insidious form of FDV – coercive control.

The two-year ‘Coercion Hurts’ campaign aims to:

- Increase awareness and understanding of FDV and challenge outdated and dangerous views.
- Educate Western Australians about coercive control and associated behaviours.

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Campaign key messages

- It doesn't have to be physical. Coercive control is family and domestic violence.
- Coercive control is a damaging and harmful form of family and domestic violence.
- Coercive control is a pattern of behaviour by a perpetrator to cause harm and maintain control over someone.
- The behaviours can be subtle, manipulative, individually targeted and tailored to the victim-survivor.
- To learn more, including where to seek support, visit wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol

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How you can help

We ask for your support in sharing the campaign messages.

You can do this by:

- Printing out posters and placing them in areas for your community, staff or customers to see.
- Using the social media assets on your channels such as WhatsApp and Facebook.
- Sharing this toolkit with your networks.

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Create your own digital content

Help spread the message that **coercive control is a form of family and domestic violence** by creating your own digital content. Your voice and creativity can help reach new audiences.

Why It Matters

Coercive control is often subtle and misunderstood. By creating content that speaks directly to your audience, you can help raise awareness, challenge harmful behaviours, and promote respectful relationships.

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Create your own content

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Idea 1: Follow and reshare

- Following and resharing posts that raise awareness of coercive control is a great first step. Your support can make a big difference.
- Content is frequently posted on:
 - [Facebook @WAgovernment](#)
 - [Instagram @wagovernment](#)
 - [LinkedIn @Government of Western Australia](#)
 - [X @WAGovernment](#)
 - [YouTube @wa_government](#)

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Idea 2: Create your own posts

- **Using campaign assets**
 - Use the ready-made graphics, reels and captions in this toolkit.
- **Create your own**
 - Create your own messaging or a simple explainer to help raise awareness of coercive control.
Use information from wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol to guide your content.

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Tips for impact

Keep it respectful and trauma-informed

Avoid sensationalising or sharing graphic content. Focus on education, empathy and empowerment.

Keep it authentic and concise

Keep your content under 60 seconds for platforms like Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok and YouTube.

Use campaign assets

Posters, videos and social tiles are available. Please don't alter them – use them as-is to maintain message consistency

Tag us

Tag WA Government in your content on the relevant handle:

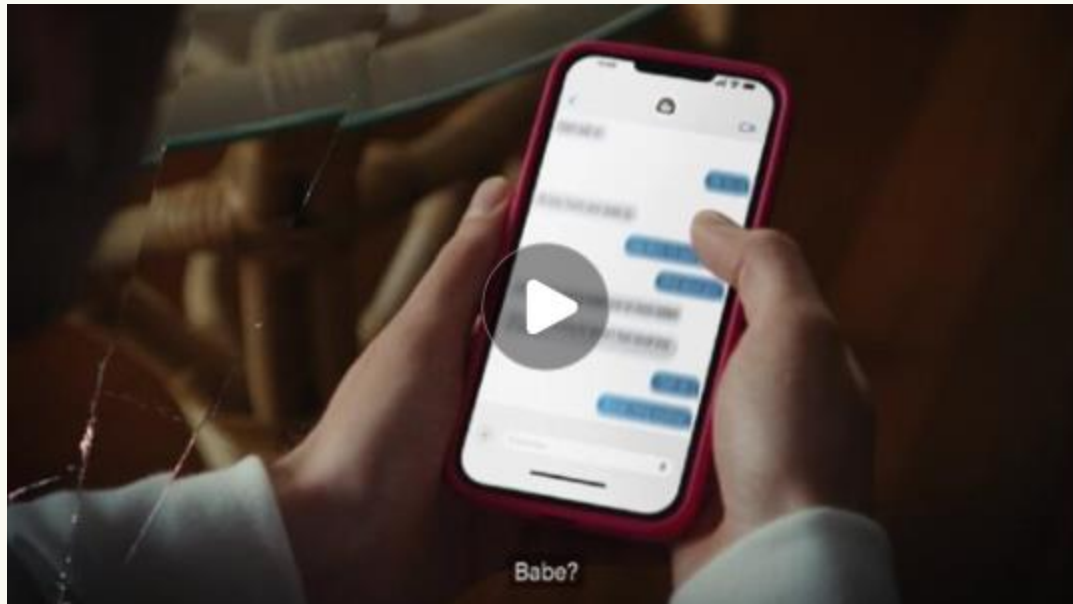
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- [Instagram @wagovernment](#)
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- [X @WAGovernment](#)

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General population

30 second videos

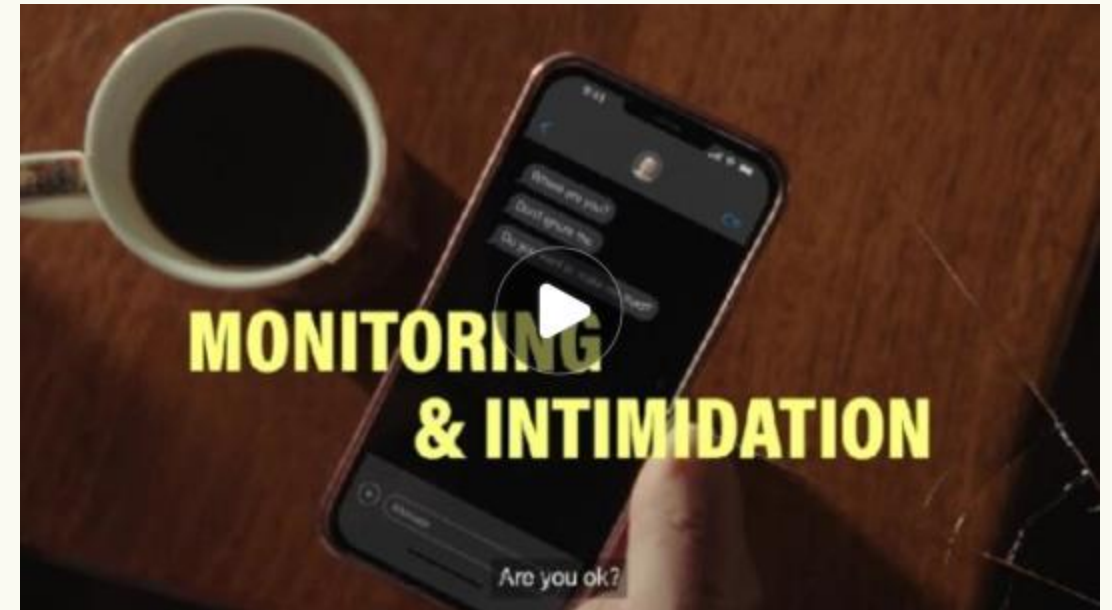
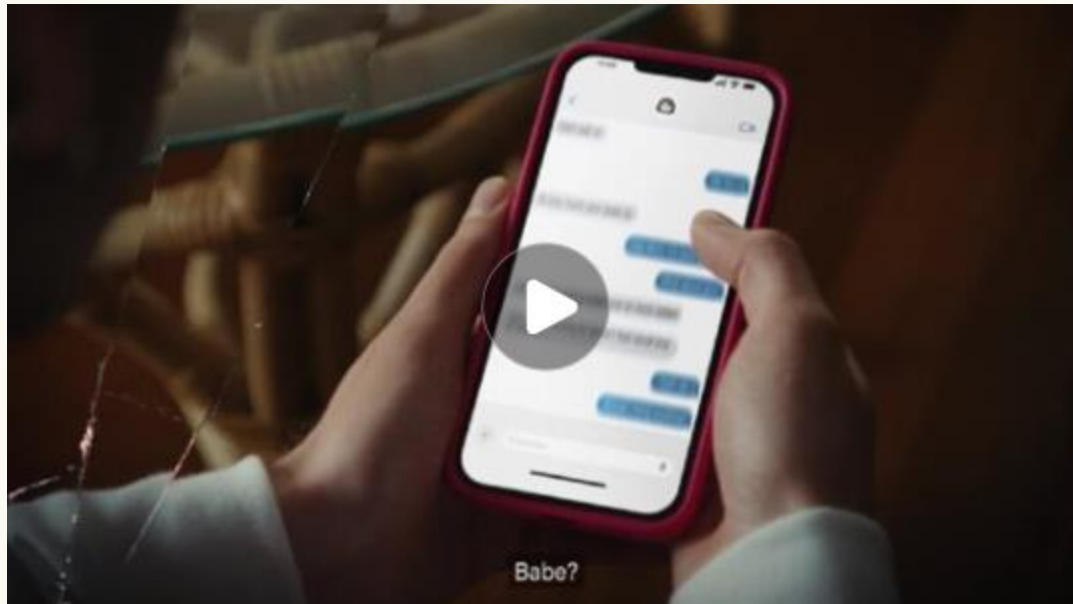


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15 second videos



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General population

Posters



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General population

Social media tiles

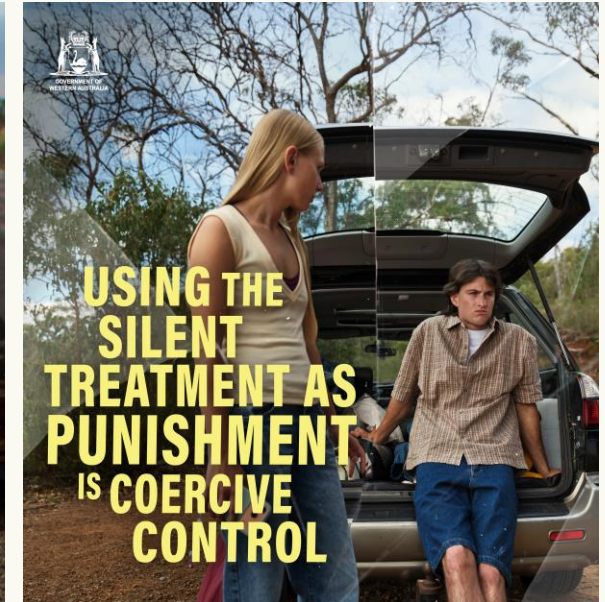


[Download social media tiles here](https://www.wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol)

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General population

Social media carousel*



*Please note the carousel assets are intended to be used together to show coercive control as a pattern of harmful behaviours. They should not be used individually or in isolation.

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General population

Social media: 'Play a Part' - Social tiles and stories

Assets	Caption
	Coercive control can be hard to see but it causes real harm. By speaking up, challenging controlling behaviours, and supporting respect, we can all play a part in ending violence. To learn more visit wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol.

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Social media: '8 ways to take a stand' social media carousel

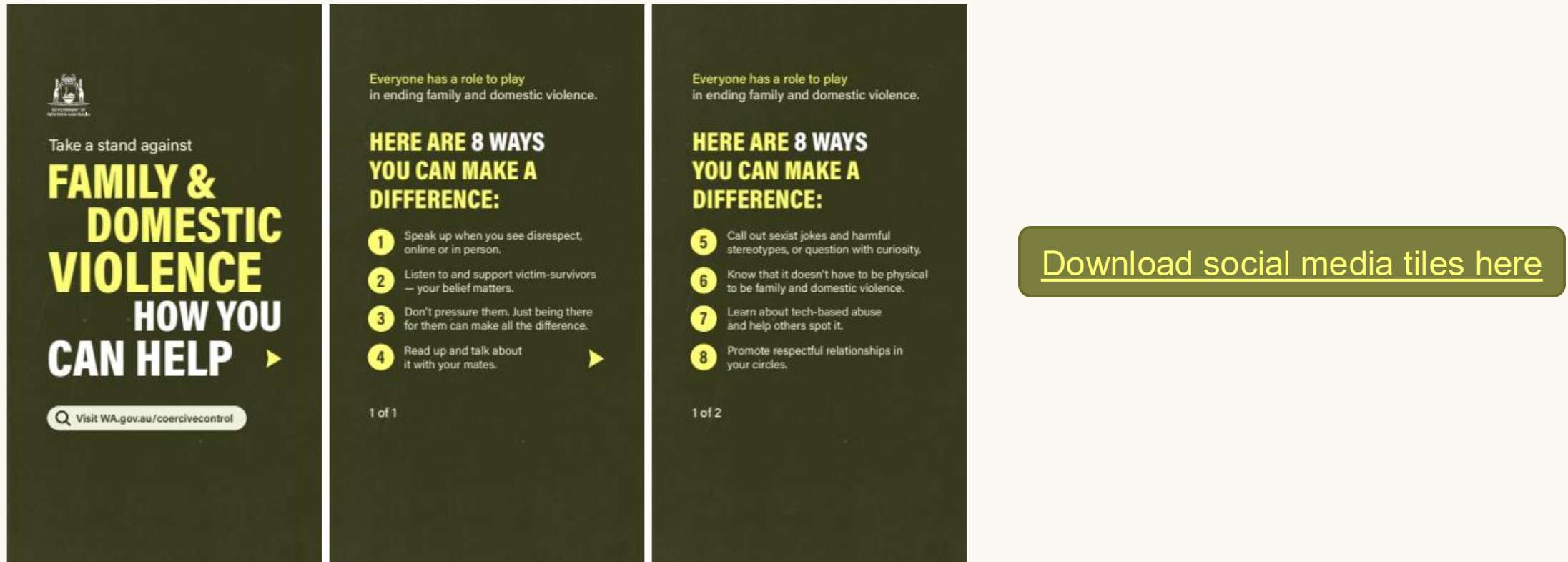
Asset	Caption
	You can make a difference for someone experiencing family and domestic violence. Listen without judgment, believe them, and encourage them to seek support. To learn more visit wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol

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Social media: '8 ways to take a stand' story set / 3 tiles



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Social media: 'How you can help' social media carousel

Asset	Caption
 The asset is a social media carousel tile with a dark green background. It is divided into three main sections. The first section on the left is titled 'WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS EXPERIENCING COERCIVE CONTROL?' in yellow and white text, with a small yellow arrow pointing right. The second section in the middle is titled 'HOW YOU CAN HELP' in white text and contains a list of four actions, each preceded by a white checkmark: 'Express your concerns in a safe and private place. Try "You haven't seemed yourself lately. Is there anything you want to talk about?"', 'Believe the person and take their worries seriously.', 'Listen without interrupting or judging.', and 'Respect the knowledge and understanding that the victim-survivor has about their own situation and safety.' The third section on the right is titled 'TRY TO AVOID' in yellow text and contains a list of three things to avoid, each preceded by a white 'X' in a yellow box: 'Judgement or criticism. This may make them feel isolated and too ashamed to talk about the abuse.', 'Blaming the person experiencing the violence. Violence is never ok.', and 'Making excuses for the perpetrator.' Below these sections, there is a line of text: 'Helplines and services are available to get advice, no matter what the person's individual situation or experience is.' followed by 'For more information and support, visit' and a search bar containing the URL 'WA.gov.au/coercivecontrol'.	It can be hard to know what to do if someone close to you is experiencing coercive control. Even when it feels small, your support matters. There are resources online to help you learn how to offer safe and supportive help. Find out more at wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol.

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Social media: Coercive control behaviours social media video

Asset	Caption
 The image shows four vertical video assets side-by-side. The first asset has the text 'It doesn't have to be physical. COERCIVE CONTROL IS FAMILY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE'. The second asset has the text 'THIS PATTERN OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR CAN LOOK LIKE:'. The third asset has the text 'THIS PATTERN OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR CAN LOOK LIKE:' followed by an orange icon of a person with a tangled web around their head and the word 'GASLIGHTING' below it. The fourth asset has the text 'For more information and support, visit' followed by a search bar icon and the URL 'wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol'.	Coercive control is a pattern of abusive behaviours, intended to cause harm and to maintain control over someone. Change starts with awareness. Know the signs of coercive control. To learn more visit wa.gov.au/coercivecontrol.

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CaLD audience

Posters



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[Macedonian](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Burmese](#)

[Hazaragi](#)

[Malay](#)

[Swahili](#)

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[Hindi](#)

[Mongolian](#)

[Tamil](#)

[Chinese Traditional](#)

[Indonesian](#)

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Social media tiles



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Burmese	Hazaragi	Malay	Swahili
Chinese Simplified	Hindi	Mongolian	Tamil
Chinese Traditional	Indonesian	Polish	Thai
Dinka	Italian	Punjabi	Tigrinya
Farsi	Karen	Serbian	Turkish
Filipino	Khmer	Sinhalese	Urdu
French	Korean	Somali	Vietnamese

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Translated Videos

Video 1: What is Coercive Control?

[Arabic](#)

[Karen](#)

[Chinese \(Simplified\)](#)

[Korean](#)

[Chinese \(Traditional\)](#)

[Punjabi](#)

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[Thai](#)

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Video 2: What can I do to help someone experiencing family and domestic violence?

[Arabic](#)

[Karen](#)

[Chinese \(Simplified\)](#)

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Translated Videos

Video 3: What to do if you think you might be experiencing coercive control?

[Arabic](#)

[Karen](#)

[Chinese \(Simplified\)](#)

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[Chinese \(Traditional\)](#)

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Audio files



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Aboriginal audience

Poster and social media tile



There is a bespoke campaign for Aboriginal audiences 'Coercive Control – A Story That's Not Ours'.

Campaign materials including a poster, videos, digital banners, audio recordings, social media posts and a news article are available.

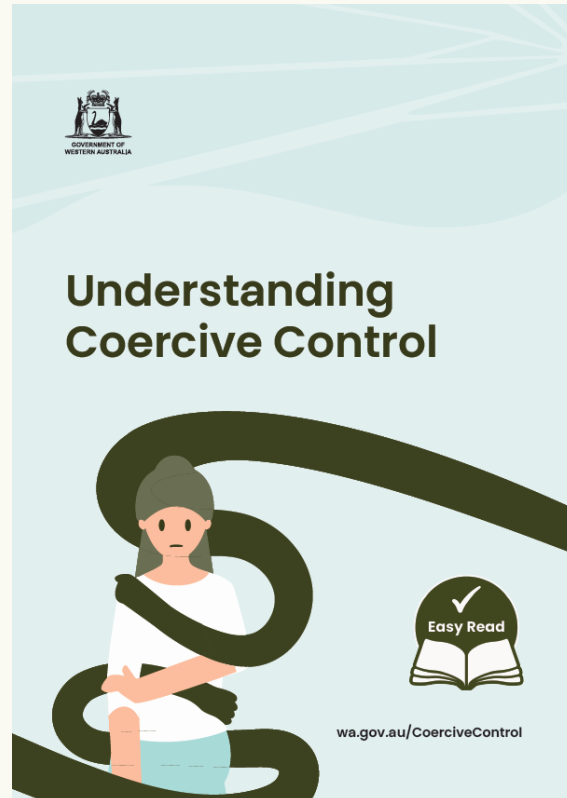
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Low literacy audience

Understanding Coercive Control in Easy Read

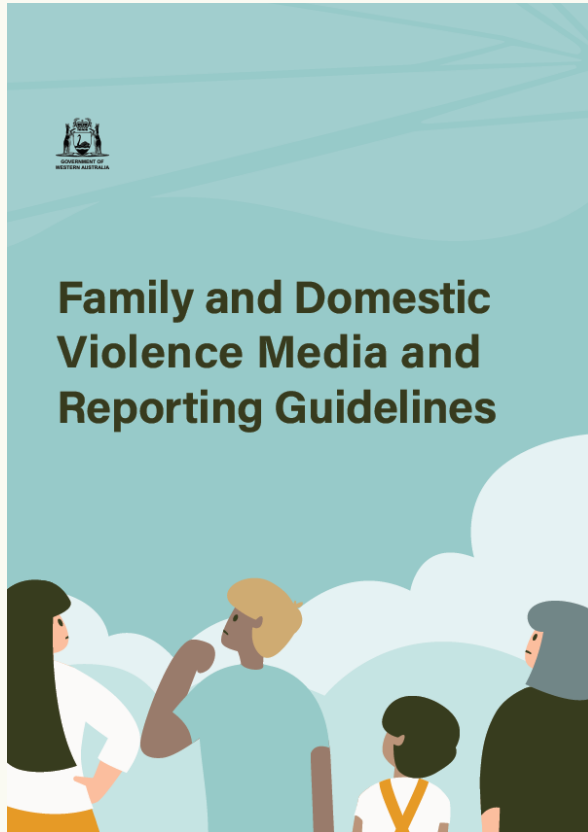


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