



# Safe Tenancy

## Family violence information for Aboriginal housing tenants

### Why are WA's tenancy laws changing?

WA's tenancy laws are changing to provide better support and more options for tenants affected by family violence. The changes come into effect in April 2019.

**In an emergency or if someone is in immediate danger call the police on 000.**

**The Women's Domestic Violence Helpline is a State-wide, 24-hour service that can provide support. Call 9223 1188 or free call 1800 007 339.**

**The Men's Domestic Violence Helpline is a State-wide 24-hour service. Call 9223 1199 or free call 1800 000 599.**

If you download this fact sheet, it will appear in your downloads folder. You may prefer to download or print from a safe place. Visit [www.esafety.gov.au/women](http://www.esafety.gov.au/women) for advice and information on safe browsing.

### What do the changes mean for Aboriginal housing tenants?

Tenants experiencing or at risk of experiencing family violence may now:

- end their interest in a tenancy directly with a landlord or property manager with appropriate evidence
- remove a perpetrator from a tenancy agreement by applying to the Court
- settle financial disputes about rent and property damage by applying to the Court
- change locks to stop a perpetrator from accessing the rental property
- install additional security measures at the rental property

### Further information

This fact sheet has been designed to provide information for Aboriginal housing tenants. For further information on how to access these options, please contact your Regional Service Provider, local Housing officer or visit [www.communities.wa.gov.au/safetenancy](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/safetenancy)

General information about the Safe Tenancy changes, including resources for private tenants and landlords, is available at [www.safetenancy.wa.gov.au](http://www.safetenancy.wa.gov.au)

