



16 Days of Activism – 25 November to 10 December 2016

DAY 5. 29 NOVEMBER 2016

RURAL WOMEN

- * Regional/rural domestic violence rates are 1.5 times higher than in metropolitan areas.
- * The nearest police station is often 45 minutes away by car and is usually only staffed by one officer on duty.
- * Rural areas lack specialist domestic/family violence services such as counselling and crisis accommodation.
- * Living in a small community where everyone knows each other can make it difficult to report violence, especially if the perpetrator is a 'respected' member of that community.
- * Data from studies on personal safety (ABS, 2012) and police statistics show an increase in the number of domestic and family violence reports in rural and regional areas over the last 3 years.
- * Structural barriers are part of the problem- these include distance, limited access to services, absence of employment opportunities, lack of access to finance, insufficient alternative housing and absence of public transport.

VIDEO: Domestic Violence <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WCI8guhV2A>

HELPLINES:

Queensland Women's Legal Service Rural Hotline	1800 157 117
DV Connect (24 hour service)	1800 811 811
Emerald D&FV Service	1300 523 985
Ipswich Rural D& FV Services (free call)	1800 026 262
Roma D&FV Services	1300 477 433



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Elder Abuse Prevention Unit Helpline (Mon. – Fri. 9am to 5pm)	1300 651 192
Lifeline (24 hour crisis counselling)	13 11 14
Sexual Assault Helpline	1800 010 120



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