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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE IMPACT ON CHILDREN

## Barnardos Australia Survey 2021

### What is the survey about?

**This study is part of the work of Barnardos Australia on domestic and family violence and its impact on children.**

A short survey is being undertaken by Urbis on behalf of Barnardos Australia. This survey offers adult Australians the opportunity to:

**SHARE** their experience of exposure to domestic and family violence as a child or young person, and the impact it has had on their day to day life.

**HELP** us to understand what can be done to support children and young people exposed to domestic and family violence.

**CONTRIBUTE** to the development of new programs and messages that will address the needs of children and young people in these situations.

Getting a wide range of experience will allow us to better understand the impact of domestic and family violence on a child and young person and improve the way we respond to children's needs with programs and policy to assist in the protection and care of children.

You can participate by filling in an online survey. The survey is for anyone living in Australia who is over the age of 18.

Participating is voluntary and anonymous, and it should only take about 8-10 minutes to complete.

### Important information

Some people may find answering the questions uncomfortable or upsetting. If you feel you need to talk to someone, we encourage you to contact the **1800 RESPECT** (1800 737 732) helpline, Lifeline 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636 for access to free support, advice and counseling.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr Caroline Tomiczek from Urbis [ctomiczek@urbis.com.au](mailto:ctomiczek@urbis.com.au)

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of Sydney [protocol number: 2021/462].

For more information about Barnardos Australia visit [barnardos.org.au](http://barnardos.org.au)

**Thank you in advance for your participation.**

### About Barnardos Australia

Barnardos has provided services for children, young people and their families in Australia since 1883. We work with highly vulnerable children and young people to provide a safe home and permanent relationships for the whole of childhood. We care for children exposed to physical, emotional and sexual abuse, as well as neglect, exploitation and homelessness.

As one of the nation's leading child protection charities, Barnardos' vision is to empower every child in Australia to have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

To further explore the actual experience of children and young people who were exposed to domestic and family violence, Barnardos Australia is conducting research to investigate the experience of Australians over the age of 18, and the impact this had on their day to day life. The project will contribute to an understanding of how children and young people can be best supported having been exposed to domestic and family violence and guide the development of effective engagement practices.

I encourage you to support the work of the organisation in developing a strong evidence-base for the experience of children and young people in Australia by promoting this study to your networks and encouraging broad participation.

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