

Why older women are at high risk of homelessness when suffer from family violence?

According to the government report, in Australia, the number of older women accessing homelessness services is increasing. In 2017–18 over 13,800 older women accessed specialist homeless services, a 63%

Main reasons older women access homelessness services 2017– 18 (top five) ¹⁷	
Domestic and family violence	34%
Housing crisis	16%
Financial difficulties	14%
Inadequate or inappropriate dwelling conditions	9%
Housing affordability stress	7%

increase in five years. The main reasons older women seek assistance often relate to **domestic and family violence**, housing issues and financial difficulties.



Most older women accessing homelessness services seek general services (82% of women) but many also need domestic violence assistance (35%), long-term accommodation (31%) and tenure assistance (29%). However, few existing services are specifically designed to meet the needs of older women.

In this case, if you have the concern about suffering family violence as an elder woman, do not be afraid, try to get support from our service or other organizations. Please remember you are not alone, you don't have to face this situation by yourself.