Violence against women is serious, prevalent and driven by gender inequality. Gendered drivers of violence against women:

- Condoning of violence against women
- Men's control of decision-making and limits to women's independence
- Stereotyped constructions of masculinity and femininity
- Disrespect towards women and male peer relations that emphasise aggression

Gender inequality sets the necessary social context for domestic violence matters to be dealt with every day by Australian police. Every week one woman is murdered by her current or former partner. Violence against women is preventable if we all work together.

Actions that will prevent violence against women:

- Challenge condoning of violence against women
- Promote women's independence and decision-making
- Challenge gender stereotypes and roles
- Strengthen positive, equal and respectful relationships
- Promote and normalise gender equality in public and private life

Mutually reinforcing actions are needed through legislation, institutional, policy and program responses:

- by governments, organisations and individuals
- in settings where people live, work, learn and socialise
- tailored to the context and needs of different groups

Gender inequality is serious, preventable and driven by violence against women. quotes:

- Desired future: violence against women:
  - Violence preventable
  - Violence against women

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Promote and support gender-equitable domestic and family relationships. Address the socialisation of boys and young men, and that challenge gender stereotypes and roles or inevitably based on conflict. Challenge peer relations between men that involve aggression, dominance, power or status is challenged. Challenge aggressive, entitled and dominant constructions of femininity. Challenge men’s use of controlling behaviours in relationships and the subtle normalisation of male dominance in relationships. Challenge condoning of violence against women in policy debates about the promotion and protection of women and girls. Challenge the expression of masculinities that contribute to violence, including the promotion and exacerbation of violence against women in the context of the gendered consequences of colonisation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander race-based, community, public or lateral violence), especially where people live, work, learn and play.

Support and advocate for healing strategies and other efforts to prevent exposure to violence and harm minimisation, and those addressing socio-economic systems and practices that justify, excuse, trivialise or reduce for its impact on women. Include an analysis of torture experienced during and after torture.

Support women’s collective advocacy and social movement centres. Foster positive personal identities and respect, and relationships both in public and private life, and through media and education. Support those affected to reduce its consequences through the provision of expertise on the gendered dynamics of these broader forms of violence.

Work with children and young people to counter the early learning of violence in gendered ways. Prevent child abuse, and all other forms of violence (such as violence against women). Promote positive, equal and respectful relationships and decision-making in public life. Strengthen efforts to promote non-violent parenting and socialisation of boys and young men, and that challenge gender stereotypes and roles.

Contribute to the research and knowledge exchange to develop and disseminate evidence-informed strategies, interventions and programs. Establish and maintain processes to assess all public policy and programs for their impact on women’s social, economic, cultural and political participation, including to address violence against women. Develop positive ways to engage men and boys in the prevention and response to violence. Support and advocate for healing strategies and other efforts to mediate the impacts of past occurrences of violence.