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# **Queensland Health, Crime Prevention Strategy**

**Screening for domestic violence in  
antenatal and emergency settings**

**Provide an opportunity to disclose  
provide a safe point of entry into  
welfare; raise awareness about DV**

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**this hospital we are concerned about your health and safety, so we ask A  
women a few  
estions.**

**Whatever you reply will remain strictly confidential**

**Are you ever afraid of your partner?**

**In the last year, has your partner hit, kicked, punched or otherwise hurt  
you?**

**In the last year, has your partner often put you down, humiliated you or  
tried to control what you can do?**

**In the last year, has your partner threatened to hurt you?**

**(If any answers are yes) Would you like help with any of this now?**

**This could be important information for your health care. May we send a  
copy of this form to your own doctor?**

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## **Stage 1:**

- 10.7% of women who experienced abuse accepted help.**

## **Stage 2:**

- 12.9% of women who had experienced abuse accepted offers of help**
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## **Goal:**

- to identify why most women screening positive for domestic violence say no to help.**
  - To identify what women who experience abuse find helpful.**
  - To ascertain what women who experience violence want or need in the way of help.**
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**6 antenatal sites**

**Women at their 36 week antenatal who had previously screened positive for DV.**

**Provided with form to fill out.**

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**44 forms returned from 4 sites.  
Estimated 50% response rate  
Themes**

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**<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/violence/home.htm>**

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