

**A forced marriage is one where a person gets married without freely and fully consenting, because they have been coerced, threatened or deceived, or because they are incapable of understanding the nature and effect of a marriage ceremony (for reasons including age or mental capacity).**

Anybody can be a victim of a forced marriage, regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation or cultural background.

The crime of forced marriage applies to cultural, religious or legal marriages that occur in Australia (including where a person was brought to Australia to get married), as well as where a person is taken from Australia to get married overseas.

If you are, or someone you know is, in or at risk of, a forced marriage, help is available.

In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.

You can seek free legal advice, or report possible cases, by contacting the national forced marriage

helpline, My Blue Sky: call 02 9514 8115, SMS 0481 070 844, or email [help@mybluesky.org.au](mailto:help@mybluesky.org.au).

If you have information that someone is at risk of forced marriage, you can report this to Crime Stoppers via telephone on 1800 333 000 or online via their website: [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au).

If you wish to report an incident of forced marriage, you can do so by completing an online form on the AFP website: [https://forms.afp.gov.au/online\\_forms/human\\_trafficking\\_form](https://forms.afp.gov.au/online_forms/human_trafficking_form) or by calling 131 AFP (131 237).

Contact with *My Blue Sky* and the AFP can be anonymous if you wish.



Forcing somebody  
to get married  
is a crime under  
Australian law  
and an abuse of  
human rights.

**FORCED MARRIAGE**



**An Australian Government Initiative**

To learn more about forced marriage and about how to protect yourself and others when seeking help, visit [www.ag.gov.au/forcedmarriage](http://www.ag.gov.au/forcedmarriage) or [www.mybluesky.org.au](http://www.mybluesky.org.au).

You can contact the  
Translating and  
Interpreting Service  
on 131 450.

