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Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)



protecting victims of domestic abuse

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If you are affected by **domestic abuse**, MARAC is there to support you and other members of your family. MARAC will also work to make you all safer.

What is domestic abuse?

Domestic abuse is a serious crime.

It can be committed by a partner or ex-partner. It does not have to include physical abuse. It can be psychological, emotional, financial or sexual and includes:

- making it hard to see family and friends
- making you afraid
- hurting you
- keeping you short of money
- humiliating you
- demanding sex from you
- threatening to hurt your children

What does MARAC do?

MARAC stands for **M**ulti **A**gency **R**isk **A**ssessment **C**onference. This is a meeting that brings together representatives from a number of agencies in the area (both statutory and voluntary) to talk about the safety, health and well-being of people experiencing domestic abuse (and their children) and draw up an action plan to make them safer.

The agencies that attend include:

- housing
- health
- social work
- police
- addiction services
- education services
- women's aid



Why are you being referred to MARAC?

We are concerned about your safety because you are experiencing domestic abuse.

How can MARAC help you?

MARAC can:

- give you specialist domestic abuse advice and support
- help you with housing
- make your home safer
- make sure the different agencies work together to help you

What happens at a MARAC meeting?

All of the agencies come together to share information and to agree a safety plan for you.

We need to share this information so that we can decide which services are best able to increase your personal safety and reduce the risk you are facing.

Any information we gather is recorded and stored in a safe place and won't be shared with anyone else.

Before the meeting you can talk to a MARAC worker who will work with you to make you as safe as possible.

The worker will be your voice at the meeting, so tell them what your fears are, what would make you feel safer and the issues that you want the agencies to understand.

What happens after the MARAC meeting?

The MARAC worker will let you know the outcome of the meeting and what your safety plan is.

You can receive support from a MARAC worker for up to 12 weeks.

They will also help you to access additional information and other services that can help you.