

Housing for women and children escaping family violence

Emerge supports women and their children who have escaped family violence and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in different ways including refuge and crisis accommodation, transitional housing and through partnerships with real estate agents.

Our refuge and crisis accommodation offers women and their children a safe community in which to live while they regain their health and wellbeing, rebuild their family and community connections, develop their independent living skills and begin their journey towards independence. They are also provided with emotional support and practical assistance with legal, medical and financial matters to help women assess their next steps and feel free and safe to make choices.

Our support starts when women and children are in crisis, helping them flee violence, through to making sure they are safely housed and fully supported within the community.

Refuge

Currently our high security refuge is under construction as Emerge has been chosen by the Victorian Government to be among the few family violence refuges offering 24/7 support for women and children.

The new Emerge refuge will include state of the art one, two and three bedroom units with disability access. There will be common areas, including a communal kitchen, living room as well as a support hub for women in outreach. The gardens will be properly landscaped together with a children's playground, offering increased support and security for women and children.

Crisis properties

Our crisis accommodation is an important final step for the women and children leaving refuge to integrate into the community and be supported while seeking other housing.

We have several crisis houses for women and children who are leaving refuge and need short term accommodation. They are fully supported by our outreach services while in these properties.

Transitional housing

Transitional housing provides a longer stay option to crisis accommodation and is often the first step back out into the community for our families.

Emerge has the rights to nine transitional properties for women and children to live after they seek refuge. These houses assist women and children in building links within the local community and provide access to other support services.

These houses are a crucial step in the path to recovery for women and their children, giving them the option to safe housing if they are not yet ready to live independently.

Real estate agents and housing services

Emerge works with local real estate agents and housing services to help women and children find housing and keep them safe to help combat the homelessness that is so often experienced by women and children escaping family violence.

We have a corporate partnership with Marco Polo Property which is donating a percentage of each new townhouse built to Emerge.

If you urgently need accommodation, please contact Safe Steps on 1800 015 188.