# Children and technology-facilitated abuse in domestic violence situations





27%

of domestic violence cases involve technology-facilitated abuse of children

### Of cases involving children:

Children experience a range of technology-facilitated abuse including:

Monitoring and stalking 45%

Threats and intimidation 38%

Blocking communications 33%



#### Technologies used to harass and abuse

Most of the reported abuse involves the misuse of common devices or platforms:





Mobile phones

**79**%

Texts

**75**%

Facebook

**59**%

## Impacts of technology-facilitated abuse on children

Children in domestic violence situations suffer significant harm from technology-facilitated abuse:

Mental health issues 67%

63%

Fear

on the relationship with the non-abusive parent 59%

**Negative impacts** 

Feelings of guilt for disclosing information to the offending parent

59%

39%

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# Options for future action



and family violence practitioners and perpetrators

Education targeting child and adult victims, domestic



Hands-on technology support for professionals and adult victims



Developing screening tools for professionals to encourage victims to disclose where

technology-facilitated abuse is occurring

