

About the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS)



Submit an application to the
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What is DSDAS?

The Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS) provides a formal way of sharing information about a partner's abusive past, with a potential victim.

Who can use DSDAS?

The DSDAS scheme can be used by anyone who has a concern about a person who may be at risk of domestic abuse.

This includes:

- The person in the relationship
- Friends, family members, work colleagues, neighbours or acquaintances.

How do I apply?

The easiest way to submit a DSDAS application is via the Police Scotland website (scotland.police.uk/dsdas).

You can also call 101 or speak to an officer at a station.

How does DSDAS work?

After submitting a DSDAS application, checks will be carried out.

If a person has an abusive past, a disclosure will be made to their partner.

This will give them the power to review their situation, decide what is best for them and whether to continue with their relationship.

Who is given the disclosure?

Regardless of who submits the application, any disclosure to be given will be made to the person in the relationship who is at risk of harm.

In certain circumstances it may be given to a person close to them who can help keep them safe.

If there is no disclosure to be made, but a partner's behaviour has caused concern, police and partners will provide advice and support.

What should I do if I receive a disclosure?

Police won't tell a person what course of action to take when it comes to their personal relationships, but officers will provide safety advice. They will also signpost the person to partner agencies for support.

Should I be concerned about submitting a disclosure application?

The effects of domestic abuse can be traumatic and long lasting for victims, and for any children.

Receiving a disclosure, especially early in a relationship, could prevent a person from enduring many months or years of abuse.

All applications received are treated in confidence. The person you are concerned for will not be told who made the application.

If you are worried about someone, submit a DSDAS.

Are you concerned that you or someone
you know is at risk of domestic abuse?

Submit a DSDAS:



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101 or 999 in an emergency



Speak to an officer at a station