

Safer Technology for Women

Technology Safety for
Women experiencing
gender-based violence

Free training

Designed to complement the Level 1 Training being rolled out by WESNET and the Office of the Children's eSafety Commission, WESNET will be rolling out **Level 2 training** for eligible front-line agencies that are signed up for the Safe Connections Smartphone program.

The Level 2 training will provide:

- in depth and up-to-date information about technology-facilitated abuse for frontline services working with women experiencing gender-based violence, abuse and stalking.
- up-to-date info on the latest ways that technology is being misused and how to help clients recognise when it's happening.
- guidance on how to help women set up their new Smartphones and use their technology safely.
- advice on how to help women develop a safety plan that also covers technology abuse, and
- how to help women use technology to seek support and collect evidence to hold perpetrators accountable.

More Phones

Telstra has increased to 20,000 the number of Smartphones that it is donating to WESNET over the next three years. **This means 20,000 women will have access to a brand new Smartphone when they need it most.**

"We think the program is fantastic – we're so grateful – it makes a real difference for us and our clients. It's not just a crisis response – it's engaging with the clients – it really fits with what we want to offer, in terms of looking at all of the issues facing a woman, and helping her with all of those issues in a holistic way."

If you are interested in becoming a local distributing agency for the Safe Connections please visit our website for more more information.

New Resources

We're updating the handouts on technology-facilitated abuse available on our website and developing a new secure website to help agencies who are part of the SafeConnections program. We've also got a **new Hotline** where workers can ring to get expert advice on technology-facilitated abuse when they are working with clients.

Register your interest now
www.wesnet.org.au/phones

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