



# WALK AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE (WAFV) 2023 FAQS

## What is the [Walk Against Family Violence](#)?

Traditionally taking place on the first day of the 16 Days (25 November), the United Nation's Annual International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the Walk Against Family Violence (WAFV) marks the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence – an international campaign galvanising action to end violence against women and girls around the world.

The WAFV was launched in Melbourne in 2009 by a group of individuals and community groups passionate about raising awareness of family violence and its impact on society.

## What date is the Walk Against Family Violence in 2023?

This year, the Walk Against Family Violence will be held on **Friday 24 November 2023**.

## What time does the event start?

Formalities and speeches will commence from **11.00am** with the walk to commence immediately after.

## Where is the walk this year?

This year, the Walk Against Family Violence will be held in Melbourne's CBD, starting on the steps of Parliament House and continuing down Nicholson St to finish at Carlton Gardens.

## Do I have to register?

No, but we appreciate if attendees feel safe and comfortable to indicate their interest on the Walk Against Family Violence [Facebook event](#). This ensures that we are as prepared for the number of people attending on the day and assists for our planning purposes. You can also visit our [website](#) for key information.

## Will there be merchandise? Can I buy it anywhere?

Respect Victoria merchandise is not available to purchase as we are aiming to reduce our environmental impact. However, we will be giving out a limited amount of branded orange hats on the day on a first come-first serve basis!

## What should I wear/bring?

By wearing something orange – hat or t-shirt, you can show your support for victim-survivors and help send a message that family and violence against women will not be tolerated. If you already have an

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orange hat from previous years, please re-use. Get crafty and design some homemade signs and banners and make sure to bring a hat, sunscreen and water to stay sun smart and hydrated.

## Can I bring my dog?

Of course! Furry friends are always welcome. Please note that the City of Melbourne requires dogs to be leashed in all public areas of the municipality. Respect Victoria will not take responsibility for pets on the day of the walk.

## Is the walk a family friendly event?

Yes, however there we do anticipate a large crowd, with close to 3,000 attendees walking in 2022. We ask that you please use your judgement as to whether it is appropriate for members of your family depending on their needs.

## Is the walk accessible?

Yes, the walk will be fully accessible. Working alongside our suppliers, we are working to ensure the walk will be as accessible as possible and will have specifics on our website and the events page shortly.

## How can I show my support?

Show your support for victim-survivors and help send a message across Victoria that there is never an excuse for family violence and violence against women by:

- Wearing orange
- Tagging Respect Victoria on your socials to let us know why you're walking, using the hashtags **#WAFV2023** and **#WhyWeWalk**.