

## **Family violence does not discriminate: Man faces murder charge during the festive season**

While many Australian families are enjoying the time off over the summer holidays, for some families it is anything but a time for bonding and celebration.

No to Violence's CEO, Jacqui Watt, states the following:

"It is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge the recent death of Alicia Little as a result of Charles Evans' use of family violence."

The outcomes of this event are devastating, and our thoughts are with the grieving family members.

No to Violence is clear that family violence is most frequently used by men as a way to exercise power and control over women and children. This is due to a history of rigid gender stereotypes and unequal power structures. Gender inequity and gender inequality are at the grassroots of men's use of violence against women, and children, particularly in a family violence context.

Men's use of violence is a choice and men must take responsibility for their behaviour.

Violence against women and children is pervasive, constant and a men's issue.

If your behaviour is causing problems for your family or relationships, please get in touch with the Men's Referral Service: 1300 766 491 or head to [www.ntv.org.au](http://www.ntv.org.au) for a live chat with a counsellor.

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