

*I was afraid to disappoint my family, I knew they would not approve of my boyfriend but I never thought they would make me go overseas to marry someone I had never met. They made me feel that I had no choice but to marry him.*

## FORCED MARRIAGE IS A CRIME IN AUSTRALIA.

When I realised what was happening, I contacted support services and was placed on an Airport Watch list, which meant I could not leave Australia. They also helped me arrange safe housing and free advice from a lawyer.



SLAVERY HAPPENS HERE IN AUSTRALIA

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EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

## WHAT IS A FORCED MARRIAGE?

Everyone has the right to choose who they marry and it is against the law to force someone into marriage. Sometimes physical or psychological pressure can be used to force a person to marry.

Anti-Slavery Australia can provide access to free and confidential legal advice and referral to support services.

Please contact us if you would like further information or are in need of assistance.

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## YOU ARE NOT ALONE. YOU CAN GET HELP!

If you, or someone you know is being forced to marry, or is in a forced marriage, there are organisations that can help you.

If you would like more information or access to free confidential legal assistance please contact Anti-Slavery Australia on (+61 2) 9514 8115.

In emergencies, if you are in immediate danger, or there is a threat of violence, call Triple 0 (000).

To report a possible crime of Forced Marriage contact the Australian Federal Police on 131 237 (131 AFP).



*No one believed that I was being forced into this situation as a young man. I didn't think it was possible until I was forced to marry the daughter of my dad's business partner.*

**WE CAN HELP YOU ACCESS  
FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL  
LEGAL ADVICE**

My family forced me to marry to improve our family business interests. I could have avoided three years of depression and financial problems if I had known where I could get help.