

Australian Institute of Criminology (April 2020)

Impact of COVID-19 social distancing measures on victims of domestic violence.

CriminologyTV update

New video on focused deterrence approaches to domestic violence now available on CriminologyTV

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) has released the video presentation from our launch of our Trends & Issues Paper

[Policing repeat domestic violence: Would focused deterrence work in Australia?](#)

The presentation, by Hayley Boxall and Anthony Morgan, outlines the evidence in support of trialling focused deterrence to reduce domestic violence re-offending in an Australian pilot site. It draws on the collective findings from more than three years of research.

Our research shows the importance of ensuring responses to domestic violence are timely, targeted at individuals at the greatest risk of further violence, and graduated, meaning they increase in intensity when the risk of harm to the victim increases. Focused deterrence is a promising police-led response to domestic violence that can increase offender accountability and ensure appropriately targeted responses to victims.

Implementing evidence-informed law enforcement responses to domestic violence is especially important in the current context, with growing concern about the impact of COVID-19 social distancing measures on victims of domestic violence.

The video is now available on the AIC's dedicated Youtube channel, CriminologyTV: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmJBmxtQyEQ>