

Fact Sheet: Intimate Partner Homicide Victimization

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Intimate Partner Homicide Victimization: The Facts

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What is Intimate Partner Homicide?

Intimate partner homicide (IPH) is violence resulting in death by an intimate partner.

Have you Heard?

- ◇ Women are more likely to be victims of intimate partner homicide compared to men¹
- ◇ In the U.S., over half of female homicides (55%) are caused by a current or former male intimate partner²
- ◇ Globally, 40-70% of female homicide victims are caused by an intimate partner³
- ◇ Approximately 6% all male homicides are committed by an intimate partner⁴
- ◇ Black and American Indian/Alaska Native women experience the highest rate of homicides by an intimate partner²

Risk Factors

Common risk factors for intimate partner violence (IPV) and intimate partner homicide are intertwined. These risk factors include prior history of intimate partner violence, stalking, estrangement from partners, guns within the home, and drug use¹. Individuals in their 20s are at the greatest risk for IPH. Additionally, unemployment is a major risk factor, as the partner who is unemployed may use violence to maintain a perceived status⁵.

What are the Consequences?

The ultimate consequence of intimate partner homicide is death; however, families, specifically children can be affected. Witnessing violence as a child may have long-term impacts well into adulthood, such as increased risks for IPV perpetration and victimization and substance abuse.¹



What Can You Do If You're Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence?

- ◇ Call a domestic violence agency or law enforcement
- ◇ Document your experience covertly (e.g., email yourself or keep documentation in separate, private area)
- ◇ Confide (if comfortable) in friends or family member to get help
- ◇ Safety plan for possible departure

How to Help Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

- ◇ Raise awareness/ Be proactive
- ◇ Believe and empower survivors
- ◇ Offer support

Resources

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Texas

- ◇ Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC)—www.hawc.org (713-528-2121)
- ◇ Montgomery County Women's Center—www.mcwctx.org (936-441-7273)
- ◇ SAAFE House—saafehouse.org (936-291-3369)
- ◇ Texas Advocacy Project—www.texasadvocacyproject.org (800-374-4673)

National

- ◇ National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)—www.ncadv.org
- ◇ National Resource Center on Domestic Violence—www.nrcdv.org & www.vawnet.org (1-800-537-2238)
- ◇ National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health—www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org (312-726-7020)

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Resources

- Texas Abuse Hotline (suspicions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65 years or older) <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/>
1-800-252-5400
- Texas Council on Family Violence <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault <https://taasa.org/get-help/>
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888
- The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) 512-438-3011
- Victim Connect Resource Center 1-855-484-2846

