

Domestic violence and firearms make a deadly combination. The presence of a firearm greatly increases the risk of intimate partner homicide.

According to the Danger Assessment study, women who are threatened or assaulted with a gun are **20 times** more likely than other women to be murdered.

When a gun is in the house, an abused woman is **6 times** more likely than other abused women to be killed.

In safety planning, an abuser's threats with a weapon or threats to kill should be rated as particularly serious, as should a possible murderer's access to a gun.

One benefit of a domestic violence protective order is that guns and other weapons can be ordered by the court to be removed from the home by law enforcement. For anyone needing assistance in this way, please reach us at:

Research indicates that firearms are the most frequently used weapon in domestic violence homicides.

Overall, over **two-thirds** of victims murdered by a spouse or ex-spouse from 1980 to 2008 were killed by guns.

In 2011, firearms were the most common weapon used by males to murder females, being used in **51%** of the femicide cases.

- Of the females killed with a firearm, nearly **two-thirds** were murdered by male intimates.
- Among the firearm femicide victims, **73%** of them were killed with handguns.

As regulated in the Gun Control Act, domestic abusers subject to protective orders or convicted of certain misdemeanors, as well as felons, are Federally prohibited from purchasing or possessing guns. **However, loopholes in the law make it all too easy for abusers to buy guns on the Internet or at gun shows.**

Sadly, in this past year, ____ domestic violence homicides were committed in our state with firearms. We collect this data by:

What is the connection between firearms and domestic violence homicides?

Contrary to common misconceptions, access to firearms does not increase victim safety.

A woman is far more likely to be the victim of a handgun homicide than to use a handgun in a justifiable homicide.

A study found that **for every time** a woman used a handgun to kill an intimate partner in self-defense, **83 women** were murdered by an intimate partner with a handgun.

In general, firearms are rarely used in self-defense by victims of violent crimes. From 2007 to 2011, crime victims engaged in self-protective behaviors that involved a firearm in only **0.8%** of the cases.

One of the primary ways to decrease intimate partner homicide is to identify and intervene promptly with abused women at risk. We strongly encourage anyone that feels their life is being threatened by a partner or loved one to call our 24-hour crisis hotline. Emergency support can be reached at:

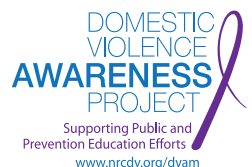
Survivor story or anecdote to illustrate your point:

Program Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



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