

Effects

- Severe injuries
- Increased risk of depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Low self-esteem
- Increase in unemployment
- Substance use and abuse
- Inability to trust others
- Social isolation
- Economic dependence upon the abuser



Resources

WOU Campus:

- Campus Public Safety: 503-838-8481
- Counseling Center: 503-838-8396
- Abby's House: 503-838-8219

Websites:

- National Institute of Justice:
www.nij.gov
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention
- Womens Health.gov:
www.womenshealth.gov
- Bureau of Justice Statistics:
bjs.usdoj.gov
- Sable House: www.sablehouse.org
- Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service:
www.mvwcs.com

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Intimate Partner Violence



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Types

Intimate partner violence is physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former intimate partner or spouse. The partners do not have to be living together and can be the same or opposite sex.

4 main types:

- **Physical violence:** Using force to hurt someone.
- **Sexual violence:** Use of physical force to compel a person to engage in a sexual act against their will, or when they are unable to give consent.
- **Threats of violence or sexual violence:** Use of words, gestures, weapons, etc. to communicate intent to cause harm.
- **Psychological/Emotional violence:** Attacking one's psychological/emotional well-being.

By the Numbers

- **1.3 million** women and **834,732** men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the United States.
- **40–50%:** Murders of women in the United States that are intimate partner homicides.
- **70–80%:** Intimate partner homicides prior to which the man physically abused the woman.
- **40–45%:** Battering relationships in which sexual assault or forced sex occurs.
- **\$8.3 billion:** Cost of intimate partner violence, including \$460 million for rape, \$6.2 billion for physical assault, \$461 million for stalking, and \$1.2 billion in the value of lost lives.

Risk Factors

- Early parenthood
- Excessive drinking by the male partner
- Poverty
- Economic strain
- Dominance of one partner
- Adherence to genders norms
- Power/control elements in the relationship

