
Intimate Partner Violence



Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious, preventable public health problem that affects millions of Americans. The term "intimate partner violence" describes physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse. This type of violence can occur among heterosexual or same-sex couples and does not require sexual intimacy.

The goal is to stop IPV before it begins. There is a lot to learn about how to prevent IPV. We do know that strategies that promote healthy behaviors in relationships are important. Programs that teach young people skills for dating can prevent violence. These programs can stop violence in dating relationships before it occurs.

Featured Topic: Teen Dating Violence



Dating violence is a type of intimate partner violence. It occurs between two people in a close relationship. The nature of dating violence can be physical, emotional, or sexual...

In The Spotlight

- [Breaking the Silence – Public Health’s Role in Intimate Partner Violence Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/archives/2012/June2012.htm) (<http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/archives/2012/June2012.htm>)
- [The 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey \(NISVS\)](/ViolencePrevention/NISVS/index.html) (</ViolencePrevention/NISVS/index.html>)

- [Dating Matters™: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships \(/ViolencePrevention/DatingMatters/index.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/DatingMatters/index.html)
- [IPV Support on our Facebook page \(http://www.facebook.com/VetoViolence?sk=app_151215281613493\)](http://www.facebook.com/VetoViolence?sk=app_151215281613493) [ⓧ \(http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html)
- [Podcast: When Closeness Goes Wrong \(http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/socialmedia/podcast.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/socialmedia/podcast.html)
- [Training Professionals in the Primary Prevention of Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence: A Planning Guide \(/ViolencePrevention/pub/training_guide.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/pub/training_guide.html)
- [Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances \(DELTA\) Program: At-a-Glance \(/ViolencePrevention/DELTA/AAG.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/DELTA/AAG.html)
- [Rape Prevention and Education \(RPE\) Program: At-a-Glance \(/ViolencePrevention/pub/RPE_AAG.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/pub/RPE_AAG.html)

Latest Articles & Publications

- [Effect of Screening for Partner Violence \(http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1346180\)](http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1346180) [ⓧ \(http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html)
- [Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States \(/ViolencePrevention/pub/IPV_cost.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/pub/IPV_cost.html)
- [Evaluation for Improvement: A Seven-Step Empowerment Evaluation Approach \(/ViolencePrevention/pub/evaluation_improvement.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/pub/evaluation_improvement.html)
- [The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey \(NISVS\) \(/ViolencePrevention/pub/NISVSpubs.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/pub/NISVSpubs.html)
- [Preventing Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence: Program Activities Guide \(/ViolencePrevention/pub/ipv_sv_guide.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/pub/ipv_sv_guide.html)
- [Understanding Intimate Partner Violence Fact Sheet \(/ViolencePrevention/pub/IPV_factsheet.html\)](/ViolencePrevention/pub/IPV_factsheet.html)

Additional Resources

[National Domestic Violence Hotline \(http://www.ndvh.org/is-this-abuse/teens-and-dating-abuse/\)](http://www.ndvh.org/is-this-abuse/teens-and-dating-abuse/) [ⓧ \(http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html)

[National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline \(http://www.loveisrespect.org\)](http://www.loveisrespect.org) [ⓧ \(http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html)

[National Sexual Assault Hotline \(http://www.rainn.org/get-help/national-sexual-assault-hotline/\)](http://www.rainn.org/get-help/national-sexual-assault-hotline/) [ⓧ \(http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html\)](http://www.cdc.gov/Other/disclaimer.html)

IPV Prevention Topics

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- [Data Sources \(datasources.html\)](datasources.html)
- [Consequences \(consequences.html\)](consequences.html)
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