

DOMESTIC AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

A woman in an abusive relationship is

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TIMES

as likely to be murdered if her abuser has access to a gun.



More than half of all intimate partner homicides are committed with a gun.



Transgender people are 1.7 times more likely than cisgender individuals to experience intimate partner violence.



Each month in the U.S., an average of 70 women are shot and killed by an intimate partner.



4.5 million women have been threatened with a gun by an intimate partner.



States that require people to surrender their guns when subject to an intimate partner violence restraining order have nearly a 10% lower intimate partner homicide rate than states that do not.



Between 2000 and 2020 there was a 62% increase in intimate partner homicides in Wisconsin.

In 2020, over 1/3 of people who committed a domestic violence homicide with a gun were not legally allowed to have a gun.

More domestic violence homicides are committed with a gun than all other methods combined.



Need Help?

If you or someone you know is in a situation involving domestic violence, these organizations can help.

- End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence: (608) 255-0539
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
- Sojourner Family Peace Center 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: (414) 933-2722 Text: (414) 877-8100
- We are Here MKE: weareheremke.org

Wisconsin Law

A Dangerous Gap

If someone is convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor, federal law prohibits them from owning a gun. But Wisconsin does not have a domestic violence misdemeanor law.

Instead, a person who committed an act of domestic violence is charged under a different statute.

That means a person in Wisconsin convicted of a crime that is clearly an act of domestic violence can still buy and own guns or get a concealed carry permit.



Protective Orders

A victim of domestic violence can ask a court for a restraining order.

If **only the victim is present** at the hearing, the abuser may be subject to a **temporary** domestic violence restraining order, which **does not** automatically **require abusers to surrender their firearms**.

If the **victim and abuser are both present**, the abuser may be subject to a domestic abuse injunction, which **requires the abuser to surrender their firearms** within 48 hours.

SOLUTIONS

- ▶ Require immediate removal of firearms from subjects of temporary protective orders. Just after a victim reports their abuser, they are at greatest risk.
- ▶ Pass a state domestic violence misdemeanor law aligned with the federal law, and convict domestic abusers under that law.
- ▶ Require universal background checks to ensure that domestic abusers cannot easily acquire firearms.

A Note About Terms

The CDC defines “intimate partners” as current or former spouses, dating partners, or people who have a child together. Wisconsin's definition of domestic violence includes intimate partners, current or former roommates, or caregivers and adults they care for.



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