



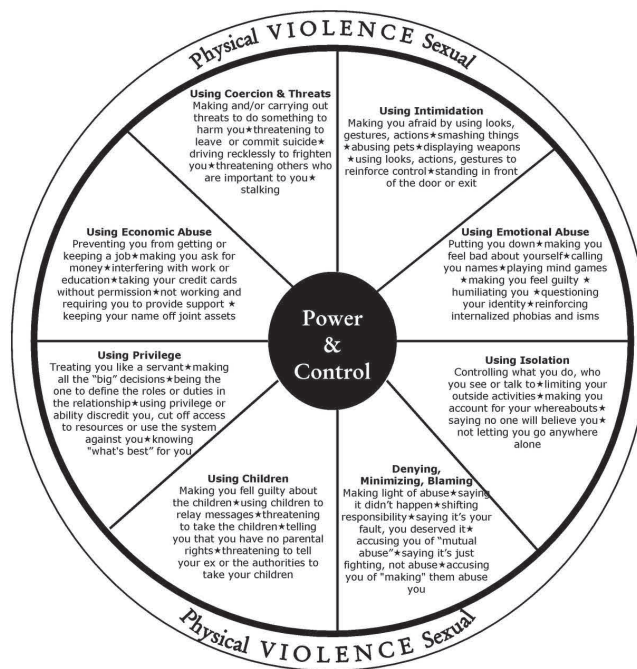
The journey ahead starts here, together.

Overview

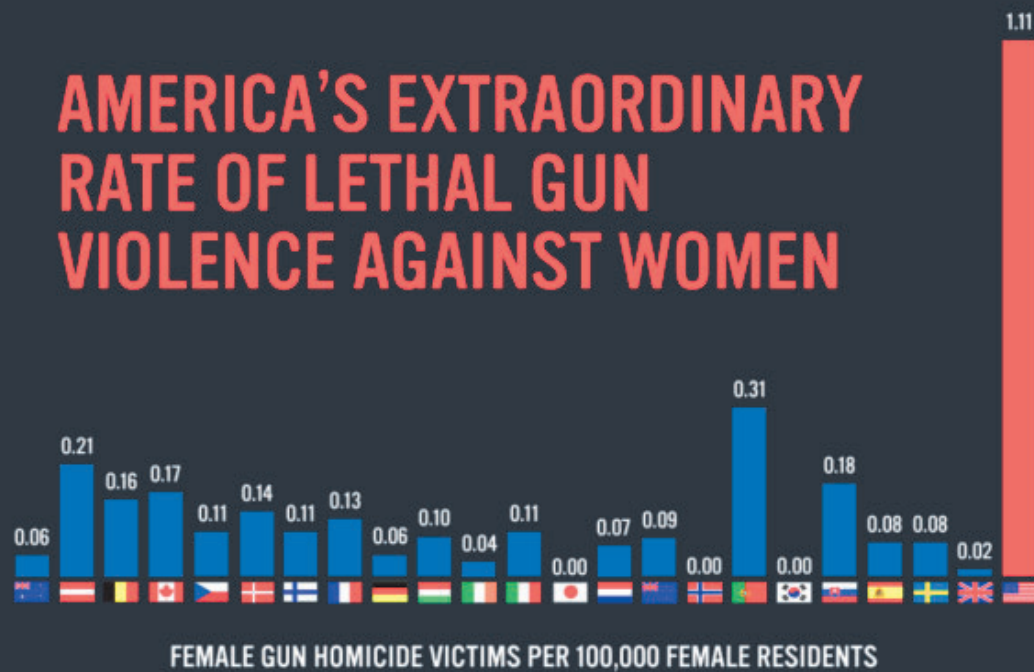
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How does an abuser maintain control?

Power and Control Wheel



AMERICA'S EXTRAORDINARY RATE OF LETHAL GUN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



Erin Grinshteyn and David Hemenway, "Violent Death Rates in the US Compared to Those of the Other High-income Countries, 2015," *Preventive Medicine* 123 (2019): 20-26.



Risks to Communities & First Responders

- In 68% of mass shootings between 2014 and 2019, the shooter either had killed an intimate partner or other family member or had a history of DV.
- Between 1996 and 2010, 95% of law enforcement officers who were killed while responding to DV calls were killed with firearms.

Access to Firearms: A Critical Risk Factor

- Non-lethal use: Coercive Control

“Guns can be lethal quickly and displaying or threatening an intimate partner with a gun can convey a particularly pernicious threat, elicit compliance, and create extreme fear.

All are hallmarks of coercive control.”

Sorenson & Schut (2018)



Access to Firearms: A Critical Risk Factor

Perpetrator's access to firearms equal:

- One of the greatest risk factors for intimate partner homicide; firearms cause the greatest harm

(Campbell et al., *American Journal of Public Health*, 2003)

- Access to a firearm increases the likelihood of intimate-partner homicide of women by 11 times

(Spencer and Stith, *Risk Factors for Male Perpetration and Female Victimization of Intimate Partner Homicide: A Meta-Analysis*, *Trauma, Violence & Abuse* 1, 9 (2018))

Missouri vs. Kansas City Region 2022

- Kansas City Region: 21,442 Hotline Calls (58 Calls per Day)
- Missouri Statewide: 70,793 Hotline Calls (193 Calls per Day)
- 30.3% Hotline call statewide received in the local Kansas City Region

- Unmet *resource needs Kansas City Region: 13,150 Adults 8062 Children
- Unmet *resource needs Missouri Statewide: 23,485 Adults 12,541 Children

- Adults: 56% Unmet *resources statewide were in the Kansas City Region
- Children: 64.3% Unmet *resources statewide were in the Kansas City Region

*Residential and Non Residential Resources Combined



Hope House Statistics

- Lethality Assessment- Out of 1115 Police Referred Victims in 2023
- Total percentage of **high** lethality screening for 2023 was 86%.

	City	Total Screens	High Danger #	%
2023	Blue Springs	127	113	89%
	Buckner	4	4	100%
	Grandview	80	78	98%
	Greenwood	1	1	100%
	Independence	527	461	87%
	JACO	14	14	100%
	KCMO	14	14	100%
	Lee's Summit	307	237	77%
	Lone Jack	0	0	
	Raytown	29	26	90%
	Sugar Creek	12	12	100%
	TOTAL	1115	960	86%

The level of violence increases when guns are present.

- Lethality Assessment- Out of 1091 Police Referred Victims in 2022
- Total percentage of **high** lethality screening for 2022 was 82%.



Safety Planning Around Gun Violence

- Unload guns in the household
- Hide bullets
- Hope House provides gun locks
- Document every warning and/or threat
- Develop a Code Word and share with a trusted support system
- Map out an escape route
- Share resources
- Stay alert and recognize warning signs
- Involve law enforcement

Purposed Solutions

- Providing comprehensive support for survivors
- Increasing funding for domestic violence organizations
- Education and Awareness Campaigns
- Promoting safe storage practices for firearms
- Educating the public on the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence
- Changing laws that would allow law enforcement and the judicial system to appropriately respond to abusers with guns.
- Call to action for stakeholders to prioritize this issue for the safety and well-being of all domestic survivors.

Purposed Solutions

- Strengthening gun control laws for domestic violence offenders
- Enforcing protection orders to prohibit firearm possession
- Implementing Extreme Risk Protection Orders
- Recognizing the threat abusers with guns have on increase in mass shootings.
- Identifying at risk families is a key solution.
- Abusers have to be held accountable sooner.
- It has to be recognized in society that guns are a final act!

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