

Impacts of family, domestic and sexual violence



Homelessness

IN 2017-2018, ABOUT

72,500 WOMEN

41,600 CHILDREN

6,900 MEN

sought specialist **HOMELESSNESS SERVICES** due to family or domestic violence.

(AIHW, 2019a)



IPV Impact

Intimate partner violence is a MAJOR HEALTH RISK FACTOR



LEADING RISK FACTORS FOR WOMEN AGED 25-44

- Child abuse and neglect during childhood
- Illicit drug use
- PARTNER VIOLENCE**

for women aged 25-44.

(AIHW, 2019b)



Hospitalisation

IN 2016-2017, ON AVERAGE

12 **WOMEN** **A DAY**




WERE HOSPITALISED FOR ASSAULT INJURIES due to domestic and family violence

1 IN 14 **WOMEN** **hospitalised for physical assault** BY A SPOUSE OR DOMESTIC PARTNER **were pregnant**




(AIHW, 2019b)




Domestic homicide

1 WOMAN WAS KILLED EVERY 9 DAYS by a **current or former partner** in the 2 years from 2014-15 and 2015-16.



ONE-QUARTER OF HOMICIDE INCIDENTS are due to a **current or former partner.**



(National Homicide Monitoring Program in AIHW, 2019b) (National Homicide Monitoring Program in AIHW, 2018)



Children's experience of abuse

1 IN 6 **WOMEN** were physically and/or sexually abused before the age of 15

1 IN 9 **MEN**

(ABS, 2017 in AIHW, 2019b)

Women who, as **children, witnessed partner violence** against their parent **WERE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE subjected to partner violence** themselves, compared to women who had not.




(ABS, 2017 in AIHW, 2018)



Experience & risk

Certain groups of people are more vulnerable to family, domestic and sexual violence, particularly:

- CHILDREN
- YOUNG WOMEN
- OLDER AUSTRALIANS
- PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- PEOPLE FROM CALD BACKGROUNDS
- LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE
- PEOPLE IN RURAL AND REMOTE AUSTRALIA
- SOCIOECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE



Violence against women by a partner often **BEGINS OR INCREASES DURING PERIODS OF SEPARATION.**

(Bruton & Tyson, 2018, & ABS 2017 in AIHW, 2019b)

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