

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



67%

The majority of domestic violence victims in PA die from gun violence.



12x

Abusers with guns are more likely to kill their partner.



4.5

Million reported cases of partners being threatened with a firearm in the US.

The main factor determining if a victim of domestic violence survives: a firearm. When one is present, the victim is five times more likely to be killed. We've started to change that picture by passing legislation in 2018 to disarm identified abusers, but there is more work to do.

Mary's boyfriend had multiple firearms. He used them to terrify and abuse her. He would hide under the laundry waiting for her to arrive, so he could violently threaten her and exert control. When she arrived home one evening, he was waiting in the driveway with a concealed firearm. She was terrified.

Fortunately, Mary was able to deescalate the situation that night, before fleeing Pennsylvania. Mary was relatively lucky, every year dozens of partners in Mary's situation are killed by their abuser—often with a firearm.

MORE FACTS



If you or a loved one are experiencing domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or access help at thehotline.org.



Abusers often have to relinquish guns in cases of intimate partner violence, but not if they aren't married to, lived with or had a kid with their partner.



A 2019 tool to disarm abusers has removed from about 50% of abusers within 24 hours of a PFA. But improvements will help increase the rate.



Extreme Risk Protection Orders provide a mechanism to temporarily remove firearms from those who may harm their partner through a civil process.

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