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Domestic Violence, Access to Guns, and Homicide in New Mexico

Intimate Partner Homicide in the United States

- In the United States, intimate partner homicide comprises 40-50% of all murders of women.¹
- Every 16 hours, an American woman is shot and killed by their intimate partner.²

Access to Firearms Increases the Risk that an Intimate Partner Will Die

- Research shows when an abusive partner has access to a firearm, the risk the other partner (typically the woman) will die **increases more than five-fold**.³

Restricting Firearm Access to Domestic Abusers is an Effective Policy

- Studies show that restricting abusers access to firearms is an effective policy, reducing domestic violence homicides by as much as 25%. And even more striking, studies show that “would-be killers do not replace guns with other weapons to effect the same number of killings.”⁴

Why Does This Matter in New Mexico?

- In New Mexico, men murder women at the **third highest rate in the country** –just below South Carolina and Alaska.⁵
- Unlike most states, New Mexico does not prohibit subjects to domestic violence orders of protection issued after notice and hearing from purchasing or possessing firearms.⁶

¹ Greenfield LA, Rand MR, Craven D, et al. Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former Spouses, Boyfriends, and Girlfriends. Washington, DC: US Dept of Justice; 1998.

² <https://www.thetrace.org/2016/02/woman-shot-killed-frequency-domestic-violence/>

³ Campbell, J. C., Webster, D., Koziol-McLain, J., Block, C., Campbell, D., Curry, M. A., ... & Laughon, K. (2003). Risk factors for femicide in abusive relationships: Results from a multisite case control study. *American journal of public health, 93*(7), 1089-1097.

⁴ Zeoli, A. M., & Webster, D. W. (2010). Effects of domestic violence policies, alcohol taxes and police staffing levels on intimate partner homicide in large US cities. *Injury prevention, 16*(2), 90-95.

⁵ <http://www.vpc.org/studies/wmmw2015.pdf>

⁶ <http://smartgunlaws.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/background-checks/domestic-violence-firearms/>