

Australian DFV statistics

involving sexual violence and/or homicide

17% of Australian women have experienced physical and/or sexual assault by a co-habiting partner.

In a review of 35 homicide and suicide cases in Queensland, the types of sexual violence were:

80% sexual jealousy
28 of the 35 cases

71% sexual assault
25 of the 35 cases

43% sexual coercion
15 of the 35 cases

37% sexual abuse
13 of the 35 cases

20% forced sexual activity
7 of the 35 cases

67% 23 of the 35 cases

The PV had formally disclosed their experiences of IPSV to a service provider.

In a review of 21 homicide cases in Queensland:

48% 10 of the 21 cases

The PV had disclosed their experiences of IPSV to family members and/or friends.

In a review of 51 homicide cases involving DFV in Victoria, the following PUV sexual jealousy characteristics were identified:

48% 24 of the 51 cases

DFV-related homicide PVs were separated from the PUV at the time of their death.

57% 29 of the 51 cases

Possessiveness and a sense of 'ownership' of the victim appears to have been a factor where the victim was killed after they had separated or attempted to separate from the offender.

11% 6 of the 51 cases

The homicide appeared to have occurred in the context of the accused's jealousy or possessiveness.

There was no evidence that the accused's partner had expressed an intention to separate, nor was there evidence of infidelity present.

6% 3 of the 51 cases

The PUV killed other men who were perceived to be a threat to the relationship.

DFV Domestic and Family Violence

PV Primary Victim

PUV Person Using Violence

IPSV Intimate Partner Sexual Violence

For further information refer to: Domestic and Family Violence Death Review and Advisory Board (2024). *Intimate partner sexual violence case review: System issue report*. www.coronerscourt.qld.gov.au/dfvdrab/reports-research-and-data

If you are in immediate danger, phone the police on Triple Zero (000)



Ways you can access support

- Reporting via Policelink **131 444**
- DVConnect Womensline..... **1800 811 811**
- DVConnect Mensline..... **1800 600 636**
- 1800 RESPECT **1800 737 732**
- Rainbow Sexual, Domestic and Family Violence Helpline **1800 497 212**

-
- Access the Queensland Police Service domestic violence portal at: **www.police.qld.gov.au/domestic-violence**
 - Smartphone users can access the **Be There** app, a bystander empowerment tool which provides information and resources at: **<https://bethereapp.com.au>**

If you are in immediate danger, phone the police on Triple Zero (000)

