Impacts of family, domestic and sexual violence

**Homelessness**

In 2017-2018, about 72,500 women, 41,600 children, and 6,900 men sought specialist homelessness services due to family or domestic violence.

**IPV Impact**

Intimate partner violence is a major health risk factor for women aged 25-44.

- Child abuse and neglect during childhood
- Illicit drug use

**Hospitalisation**

In 2016-2017, on average, 12 women a day were hospitalised for assault injuries due to domestic and family violence.

**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.

**Children’s Experience of Abuse**

1 in 6 women were physically and/or sexually abused before the age of 15. 1 in 9 men were more than twice as likely to be subjected to partner violence themselves, compared to women who had not.

**Experience & Risk**

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

- Older Australians
- Young women
- People with disabilities
- People in rural and remote Australia
- Socioeconomically disadvantaged people
- People from CALD backgrounds
- LGBTIQ+ people
- Children

**Violence Against Women by a Partner**

Violence against women by a partner often begins or increases during periods of separation.

**References:**

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