



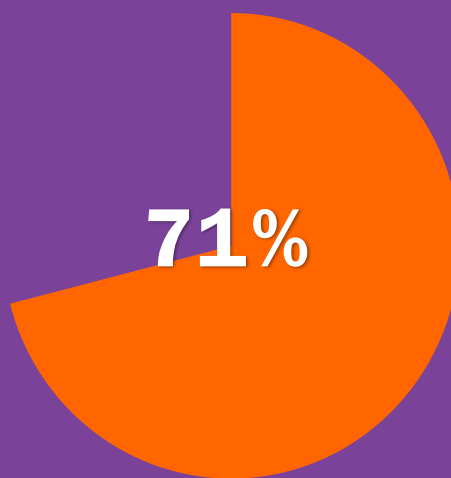
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

NOVEMBER 25

The Family and Intimate Partner Violence (FIPV) Homicide Surveillance Project is a public health effort to understand the scope of fatal domestic violence in Virginia. In recognition of the United Nation’s UNITE Campaign to End Violence Against Women and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, the Virginia Department of Health’s Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is sharing key information on women and girls impacted by fatal domestic violence in 2015, as well as resources for domestic and sexual violence prevention.

IN VIRGINIA:

55%
OF FEMALE VICTIMS
OF FIPV WERE KILLED
USING A FIREARM



45%
OF FEMALE VICTIMS
OF FIPV WERE BLACK
WOMEN

34%
OF FEMALE VICTIMS
OF FIPV WERE UNDER
24 YEARS OF AGE—THE
MOST AT RISK OF ALL
AGE GROUPS

71%
OF VICTIMS OF
INTIMATE PARTNER
HOMICIDE WERE
WOMEN

32%
OF FEMALE VICTIMS
WERE FATALLY
INJURED IN THE
EASTERN HEALTH

WHAT ARE THE RISK FACTORS?

Women with certain risk factors are more likely to become victims of FIPV. Not everyone who identifies with these risk factors is identified as “at risk” and becomes involved in fatal FIPV. Understanding these multilevel factors can help to identify opportunities for prevention. In 2015, the most common risk factors for female victims were:



Relationship had ended or was ending



History of police interaction for domestic violence



The alleged offender had a criminal history

GET HELP:

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance has a 36 year history of working towards a world where relationships between all people are healthy, respectful, and safe. The Action Alliance conducts advocacy efforts throughout Virginia, provides training to domestic violence professionals, and essential services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence.



Statewide Hotline: 1.800.838.8238 (Telephone); 1.804.793.9999 (Text)

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Published reports from the Family and Intimate Partner Homicide Surveillance Project are available at:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/medical-examiner/fatality-review-surveillance-programs-reports/family-and-intimate-partner-homicide-surveillance/reports-and-publications/>