

## About Us

**BWJP's National Center on Gun Violence in Relationships manages the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms (NRCDVF), a project funded by the Office on Violence Against Women, US Department of Justice.**

We know protecting domestic violence victims from homicide isn't as simple as just prohibiting access to guns, so our mission is to go beyond just policy improvement. We work with communities to identify the root causes of violence and develop victim-centered intervention strategies that create lasting change.

## Resource Highlights

### [US v Rahimi](#)

The center has played a pivotal role in uniting advocates, coalitions, and systems professionals nationwide to navigate the implications of this case on domestic violence survivors. Through virtual meetings, webinars, and articles, BWJP experts have provided invaluable insights into the profound impact of the Rahimi case and has facilitated collaboration to develop a comprehensive response.

### [The New Misdemeanor Dating Violence Federal Firearms Prohibition](#)

In 2022, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act partially closed what has sometimes been referred to as the "boyfriend loophole," by expanding the federal firearm prohibition for people convicted of certain misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence to also include dating violence. This resource explains what changes the law made, how "dating relationships" are defined by this law, and how victim advocates can support survivors whose current or former dating partners may have access to, or be prohibited from accessing, firearms.

### [The S.A.F.E. tool](#)

The S.A.F.E. tool will assist survivors with evaluating if, when, how, and for what period they may want to request that an intimate partner who abused them be prohibited from use, possession, or ownership of firearm(s) and ammunition.

The S.A.F.E. Tool is an inventory of questions designed to facilitate a discussion with a survivor on safety strategies around firearms.

## Statistics

Two in five female firearm homicide victims were killed by a current or former intimate partner.  
*- Everytown analysis of CDC*

Every year more than 600 American women are shot to death by their intimate partner.  
*- FBI*

Firearms account for over half of intimate partner homicides.  
*-When men Murder Women, Violence Policy Center 2019*

