Intimate partner (IP) stalkers with access to firearms require an urgent response. They may be particularly threatening, dangerous, and even deadly to their victims and others.

**Homicide**

Stalking is one of the top ten risk factors for IP homicide, increasing the risk by three times.\(^{C}\)
- 85% of attempted and 76% of completed IP femicides are preceded by stalking in the year before the attack.\(^{D}\)
- More than half of U.S. female homicide victims are murdered by current or former intimate partners, and more than half of those murdered by partners are killed with a firearm.\(^{E}\)
- Having easy access to a firearm increases the risk of IP homicide more than 11 times.\(^{F}\)

**Harm to Others**

Abuser access to guns increases the risk of multiple homicide victims including children, other relatives, and bystanders.\(^{G}\)
- 48% of IP stalking victims say their abusive partner threatened others with guns, compared to 30% of intimate partner violence victims not stalked.\(^{H}\)
- Comparing IP stalking victims with gun-owning abusers to IP stalking victims with abusers who did not own a gun:\(^{I}\)
  - 67% vs. 51% believed the abuser extremely capable of harming the victim or others.
  - 48% vs. 35% experienced threats to people close to the victim.
  - They were 6 times as likely to experience threats to shoot others close to the victim.
- IP stalkers are more likely to assault third parties than non-intimate partner stalkers.\(^{J}\)

**Offenders who killed intimate partners using guns were twice as likely to have stalked their victim before the homicide (than offenders who killed intimate partners by other means).\(^{A}\)**

**Intimate partner stalking victims with firearm-owning abusers experienced more coercive control, threats, and physical abuse during the relationship than stalking victims with abusers who did not own firearms.\(^{B}\)**

**Threats to Victim**

Explicit\(^{K}\) and detailed\(^{L}\) threats increase the risk of violence and harm. Stalking victims are often threatened both during and after the relationship.
- 76% of women who experienced threats with a firearm from an abusive partner were also stalked by that partner.\(^{M}\)
- 82% of IP stalking victims with gun-owning abusers were afraid the stalker would hurt or threaten them with a gun, compared to 24% of victims with an abuser who did not own a gun.\(^{N}\)
- IP stalking victims with gun-owning abusers experienced more threats in the course of stalking than those with stalkers who did not own guns:\(^{O}\)
  - 71% vs. 49% explicit threats of harm
  - 34% vs. 19% detailed threats about how the stalker planned to harm them
- IP stalking victims with gun-owning abusers were more likely to experience firearm threats than those with abusers who did not own guns:\(^{P}\)
  - 3 times as likely to experience threats to have others shoot the victim
  - 4 times as likely to experience threats to pets or other animals
  - 6 times as likely to experience threats to harm or shoot the victim

The Stalking & Harassment Assessment & Risk Profile (SHARP) is a free online tool designed specifically to examine and assess risk factors in stalking cases, available at [www.CoerciveControl.org](http://www.CoerciveControl.org).
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