

Intimate Partner Violence

What is IPV?

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is abuse or aggression that occurs in a romantic and/or sexual relationship. "Intimate partner" refers to both current and former spouses, dating and regular sexual partners. IPV comes in many different forms including:

Physical Violence

Ex. punching, hitting, kicking, restraining

Psychological Abuse

Ex. insulting, blaming, gaslighting

Sexual Violence

Ex. sexual Assault, sexual coercion, groping

Spiritual Abuse

Ex. preventing or forcing religious practices

Stalking

Ex. following, watching, tracking location

Technological Abuse

Ex. tracking location, denying tech access

Financial Abuse

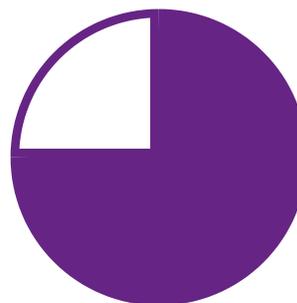
Ex. preventing money access, forced debt

How Common is IPV?



20,000+

calls are placed to domestic violence hotlines every day. ²



15-25%
of Jewish households
experience IPV*. ³

*across all denominations

1. CDC, "Fast Facts: Preventing Intimate Partner Violence", 2021

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Why Do Survivors Stay?

From an outsider's perspective, leaving might seem like an easy choice. But that is far from true. In fact, leaving or attempting to leave is the most physically dangerous time in an abusive relationship. Survivors also face many other barriers besides fear of violence. Although each survivor's story is unique, here are some of the most common reasons people stay:



Financial dependence



Children/Pets



Hope abuse will stop



Shame, Guilt, Blame



Lack of external support



Cultural, familial, and/or societal pressures

Additional barriers for Jewish Survivors



Lack of resources like kosher food in shelters



Belief IPV doesn't occur in Jewish Community

References

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