

What To Do If You Are Concerned

IF IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED, CALL 911

If you believe someone may be at risk due to IPV and there is access to firearms:

- Speak with a trusted professional (healthcare provider, counsellor, community worker)
- Reach out to IPV support services
- Share relevant information with authorities when safety is at stake

You do not need to be certain that violence will occur. Reporting concerns can help prevent harm.

To report a non-urgent concern regarding a licensed individual, contact the Chief Firearms Office at:

- **Phone:** 1-800-731-4000 ext. 7501
- **Email:** cfoon@cfp-pcaf.ca

About the Chief Firearms Office of Ontario

The CFO oversees firearms licensing and regulatory compliance in the province. Our goal is to support safe, responsible firearms ownership while protecting individuals and communities from harm.

Support and Resources

Provincial and National Supports

ASSAULTED WOMEN'S HELPLINE

Toll-Free: 1-866-863-0511 (24/7, multilingual)
Text: #SAFE (#7233) from Bell, Rogers, Fido, or Telus mobile phones

SENIORS SAFETY LINE

Toll-Free: 1-866-299-1011 (24/7)

FEM'AIDE

Toll-Free: 1-877-336-2433
(French language support, 24/7)

KIDS HELP PHONE

Toll-Free: 1-800-668-6868

MALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS LINE

Toll-Free: 1-866-887-0015 (24/7)

ONTARIO COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES HELPLINE

Phone: 211

TALK4HEALING

Toll-Free: 1-855-554-4325 (Indigenous women, 24/7)

VICTIM SUPPORT LINE

Toll-Free: 1-888-579-2888 (24/7)

ABORIGINAL SHELTERS OF ONTARIO

Website: aboriginalshelters.ca

IMANI'S PLACE WOMEN'S SHELTER

Toll-Free: 1-800-507-6860
(Black, Indigenous, and Women of Colour [BIPOC])

ONTARIO SHELTERS SAFE

Website: ShelterSafe.ca
(Find shelters across Ontario)

Intimate Partner Violence and Firearms

Understanding Risks, Responsibilities, and Support



Understanding Intimate Partner Violence

What Is Intimate Partner Violence?

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) involves harmful behaviour within a current or former intimate relationship. It can include:

- Physical harm
- Emotional or psychological harm
- Threats or intimidation
- Financial control
- Coercive or controlling behaviour

IPV can affect individuals of any age, gender, or background. **Recognizing early signs can help prevent escalation.**



Firearms and Risk Factors

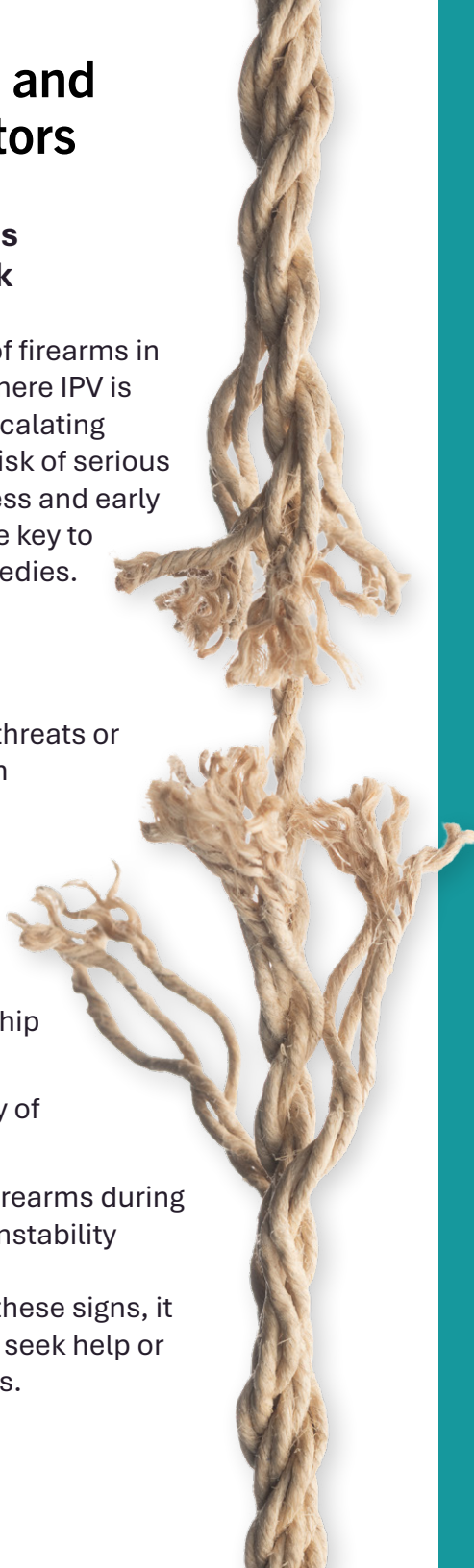
Why Firearms Increase Risk

The presence of firearms in a household where IPV is occurring or escalating increases the risk of serious harm. Awareness and early intervention are key to preventing tragedies.

Common Risk Indicators:

- Escalating threats or intimidation
- Increased substance use
- Recent separation or relationship breakdown
- Prior history of violence
- Access to firearms during periods of instability

If you observe these signs, it may be time to seek help or report concerns.



Legal Responsibilities for Firearms Owners

Your Obligations Under Federal Law

Firearms owners in Ontario must comply with all requirements under the *Firearms Act, 1995* and related regulations, including:

- Safe storage and transportation
- Mandatory reporting of lost or stolen firearms
- Compliance with licence conditions
- Cooperation with investigations or safety assessments

CFO Authority

The Chief Firearms Office may review, suspend, or revoke a firearms licence when safety concerns are identified, including concerns related to IPV.

