

# A guide to risk assessment and risk management of intimate partner violence against women for police

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The police play a leading role in reducing violence against women by an intimate partner. When women experience violence, they usually turn to the police before any other authority for protection. Risk assessment and risk management are two vital steps that police officers can take to ensure the immediate and ongoing safety and well-being of those affected by intimate partner violence.

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