



Tools for Advocates Responding to COVID-19 and Domestic Violence

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Stay-At-Home
policies create
enormous
danger for
many survivors
of domestic
violence

- Usual “relief valves” are not available
 - Abuser is out of work/telecommutes, home all day
 - Survivor is out of work/telecommutes, new opportunities for abuser to exert control
 - Threats of/accusations about infection
 - Abuser demands survivor not use PPE or sanitizing protocols
 - Abuser accuses survivor of not taking appropriate care to avoid infection
 - Threats about cutting off access to health insurance or medical care (COVID-19 related or separate from)
- Abuser’s frustration leads to heightened abuse
- Co-occurring danger to children



Lack of access to courts

- Court hours may be limited, along with survivor's fear of going to court for help due to infection
- Protection orders may lapse while survivors obey stay-at-home orders
- Survivors may not know how to get modifications in existing orders or provisions in new orders that will provide more safety around firearms at home
- Making sure court orders include firearms removal orders for local law enforcement



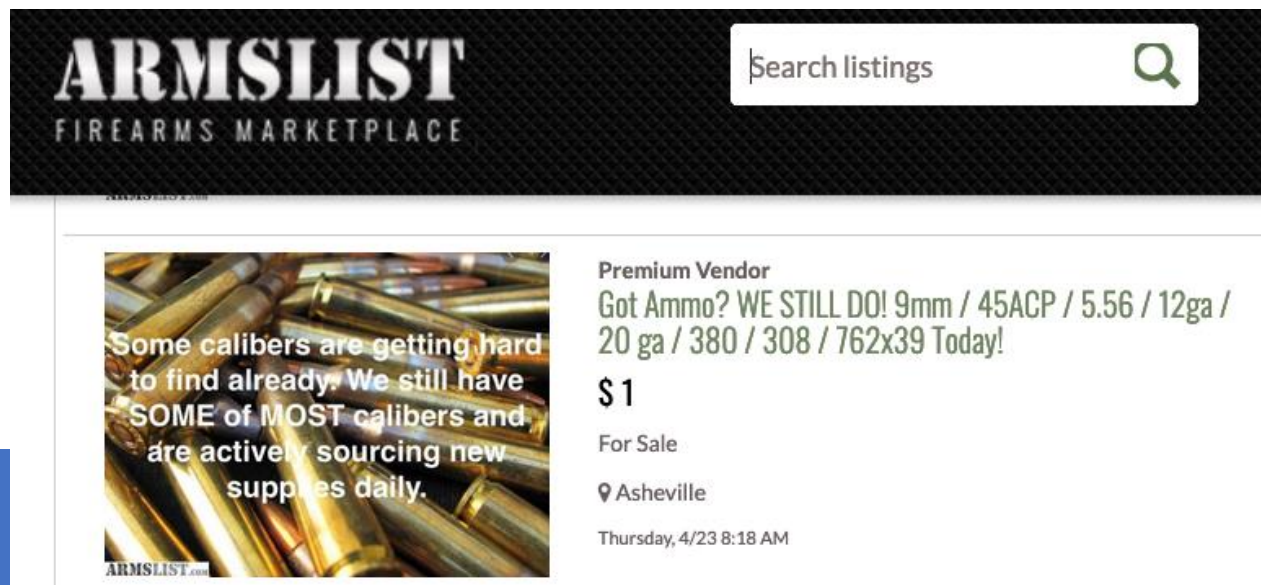
Lack of access to law enforcement

- Some law enforcement agencies are taking police reports over the phone rather than coming in person, raising questions about how enforcement of violations of the protection orders will be handled
 - E.g., if the abuser is purchasing firearms during the COVID-19 pandemic or hiding firearms in undisclosed locations, it may be harder to get in person law enforcement assistance
 - Firearms removal programs may be less resourced during COVID-19 emergency or suspended due to need to shift LE resources to other emergency responses
- Some communities will not contact law enforcement
 - African-American community
 - Immigrant community

COVID-19 has made it far more likely that abusers have access to a firearm in a domestic violence situation


Background checks are up, indicating increased sales by FFLs


- According to the FBI, 3.7 million background checks were done in March 2020--the most for a a single month since the system began in 1998. ABC News, April 1, 2020



The screenshot shows the ARMSLIST FIREARMS MARKETPLACE header with a search bar. Below is a listing for ammunition. The listing features a photo of brass casings and text describing the availability of various calibers. The price is listed as \$1, and the location is Asheville. The listing was posted on Thursday, 4/23 8:18 AM.

ARMSLIST
FIREARMS MARKETPLACE

Search listings 


Some calibers are getting hard to find already. We still have **SOME** of MOST calibers and are actively sourcing new supplies daily.

Premium Vendor
Got Ammo? WE STILL DO! 9mm / 45ACP / 5.56 / 12ga / 20 ga / 380 / 308 / 762x39 Today!
\$1
For Sale
📍 Asheville
Thursday, 4/23 8:18 AM

Safety First: When Stay-at- Home orders collide with domestic violence and firearms

Points of lethality: firearms and COVID-19 threats

Threats of firearms violence to control survivor's response to COVID-19

- Keeping survivor/child from obtaining food/medicine or otherwise leaving house
- “Punishing” survivor/child for “causing infection”
- Threats of suicide/homicide around job loss
- Increased frustration/anger + access to firearms = imminent danger

Survivor and children trapped at home

- Unable to make phone calls
- Unable to escape to public locations/institutions (like children's school) to seek immediate help

Safety Planning with Survivors

What threats or actions have taken place?

Full discussion of firearms with client

- What is survivor most concerned about regarding the abuser's firearms?
- What kinds and numbers of firearms does the abuser have access to? What related items (like ammunition) should be addressed?

Addressing threats/imminent danger

- Safety of children and other family members

Importance of listening to the survivor's concerns and experience

Safety Planning with Survivors

Identifying allies and resources

Remedies to discuss

- Requiring abuser to surrender firearms
- Monitoring abuser compliance
- Ensuring that law enforcement know of any firearms prohibitions

Discussing relocation

Evaluation of updating of safety plan

Safety Planning with Survivors

IF SAFE TO DO SO: call 911

Use Emergency SOS on iPhone

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208076>

Use emergency location sharing on Androids and iPhones

<https://www.theverge.com/2019/3/18/18267500/how-to-set-up-emergency-location-sharing-android-ios>

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Comprehensive list of resources useful for DV programs including resources about:

- Animals and IPV
- Child abuse
- Culturally specific programs
- Deaf community and persons with disabilities
- Emergency preparedness
- LGBTQ+ community
- Immigrant communities
- Medical issues
- Safety planning
- https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2497/covid_19_resources_by_topic.pdf?1585929833746
- Firearms and domestic violence: www.DisarmDV.org



National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

- Guidance for Tribal Programs
 - Confidentiality
 - Precautionary Measures
 - Provision of Alternative Services
- <https://www.niwrc.org/news/resources-response-coronavirus-covid-19>



Ujima, The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community

- Information and resources on COVID-19 and the Black community
- <https://ujimacommunity.org/covid-19/>



Casa de Esperanza

- Comprehensive Spanish language resources on COVID-19
- English language resources on COVID-19
- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15gXDRnaSMLFrku2p6HoMmHa_TnFSAViBo5rL6Zvq7Dc/edit#gid=118969425



Asian-Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence

- Comprehensive list of COVID-19 resources that are especially focused on immigrant issues and multilingual access to information and support
- www.api-gbv.org



Centers for Disease Control

- Print resources from the CDC on COVID-19 in languages other than English:
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/print-resources.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc&CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunication%2Ffactsheets.html



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

National Domestic Violence Hotline

- 24/7 national advocacy and referral services
- Immediate safety planning
- Self-care resources
- Survivor-focused information on DV and COVID-19
- Phone: 800-799-SAFE (7233)
- Chat: www.thehotline.org
- Text: LOVEIS to 22522
- <https://www.thehotline.org/2020/03/13/staying-safe-during-covid-19/>



National Immigration Law Center

- Regularly updated information on immigrant's rights during COVID-19 crisis:
 - Workplace
 - Access to Health Care & COVID-19 testing
 - Immigrant workers' rights
 - Immigration concerns & rights
 - Webinar trainings
- <https://www.nilc.org/>



National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

- Comprehensive guide: national and international resources about domestic violence and COVID-19
- Many guidance documents on shelter operations
- Faith-based and community organization resources
- Pregnant women & children
- <https://vawnet.org/news/preventing-managing-spread-covid-19-within-domestic-violence-programs>
- Emergency preparedness
- <https://vawnet.org/sc/disaster-and-emergency-preparedness-and-response>



National Resource Center
on Domestic Violence

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence

- Provides summary of survey from victims' attorneys across the country during the COVID-19 health crisis
- List of national organizations and resources
- Access to webinar on "Remote Representation for DV Clients: Privacy & the COVID Pandemic" (Presented by Alicia Aiken)
- https://www.americanbar.org/groups/domestic_violence/Initiatives/covid-19/



Workplaces Respond National Resource Center

- **When Work is Safer Than Home: Supporting Workers Experiencing Domestic & Sexual Violence During the COVID-19 Pandemic:** www.workplacesrespond.org/covid19/supportingworkers;
Spanish: www.workplacesrespond.org/covid19/apoyopara-lostrabajadores
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- **COVID-19, Survivors & the Workplace Resource Hub:** www.workplacesrespond.org/covid19;
Spanish: www.workplacesrespond.org/covid19/espanol



WORKPLACES RESPOND
TO DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE
A NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

Futures Without Violence

- Resources for Economic Empowerment Programs Responding to COVID-19
- Comprehensive information on:
 - Federal economic impact payments under CARES Act
 - Emergency sick leave
 - Unemployment insurance
- <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/human-trafficking/covid-19-economic-resources>



National Network to End Domestic Violence

- Resources for Domestic Violence Coalitions and Local DV Shelter Programs
- Cleaning/Disinfecting Shelters and Facilities
- COVID-19 Testing and Local Health Departments
- Remote Workplace and Technology Resources
- Resources for Survivors
- https://nnedv.org/latest_update/resources-response-coronavirus-covid-19/



YWCA USA

- "Keeping Up With COVID-19: What You Must Know" (Podcast with Alejandra Castillo, CEO YWCA USA and Dr. Meg Doherty, Director, Department of Global HIV, Hepatitis and STIs Programmes at the World Health Organization)
- <https://www.ywca.org/blog/2020/03/20/keeping-up-with-covid-19-what-you-must-know/>

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For grantees receiving Violence Against Women Act funding

Office on Violence Against Women COVID-19 Announcement

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has developed a resource guide to address some of the most pressing questions that it has received related to grantee obligations and options regarding how to operate, provide services, and manage OVW grants.

Follow this link to learn more: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1270681/download>

Additional resources can be found here: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/resources-and-faqs-grantees>.



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DATE: March 30, 2020

FROM: Ben Goldhaber ^{BG}
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration
and Chief Grants Management Officer
Administration for Children and Families

TO: Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Grantees and Recipients

SUBJECT: **Information Memorandum: IM-ACF-OA-2020-01:**
ACF grant flexibilities in conducting human service activities related to or
affected by COVID-19

https://www.niwrc.org/sites/default/files/acf_im-acf-oa-2020-01_covid_flexibilities_final_march_30_2020.pdf



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