

BRAIN INJURY & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Individuals who experience domestic or interpersonal violence (DV/IPV) are at higher risk to experience or acquire a brain injury (BI). The head, neck, and face are the most common sites of injury in DV/IPV, with up to 92% of incidents involving hits to the head and face, and strangulation. These assaults can often result in brain injury.

DV/IPV is a common cause of traumatic brain injury (TBI) for women, who are the majority of victims. It is important to remember that there also exists an inclusive spectrum of people who may have TBI from relationship-related violence that includes but is not limited to: children and teens who are abused in the home; men and teens experiencing domestic or dating abuse; and those who are LGBTQ+.



Brain injury providers are in a unique position to make a meaningful difference for survivors of DV/IPV by administering opportunities to heal.

HOW WE CAN HELP

The Brain Injury Association of SC (BIASC) is working to address the intersection of DV/IPV and brain injury through several outreach efforts. We provide free virtual or in-person trainings to organizations on this topic and share actionable next steps.

We are also partnering with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network to make their resources applicable to South Carolina. We can provide the following electronic resources on how to assess or manage brain injury caused by DV/IPV:

- CHATS: Head Injury Identification and Accommodation Tool
- Head Injury Education Card: Has Your Head Been Hurt?
- Invisible Injuries Overview
- Invisible Injuries Booklet: When Your Head is Hurt



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