

# Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is defined as aggression or abuse by a current or former intimate partner, which includes behaviors of physical and sexual violence, psychological aggression, and stalking.



**60% - 92%** of abused women obtain a **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)** directly correlated with IPV.

**Individuals who have suffered a TBI from assault due to IPV are more likely to experience:**

- PTSD
- Depression
- Insomnia
- More likely to report **poor health overall**, such as:  
*\*smoking tobacco, drinking alcohol, suffering from chronic pain and using high quantities of pain medication*

**50% to 90%** of individuals with a history of domestic violence have **symptoms of TBI**

- Over 30 million women in the United States experience domestic violence in their lifetime, so **20-27 MILLION LIKELY HAVE SYMPTOMS OF TBI**

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