

1. <https://vawnet.org/sc/intersection-domestic-violence-and-military-working-across-disciplines>

## **The Intersection of Domestic Violence and the Military: Working Across Disciplines (July 01, 2013)**

The purpose of this collection is to:

- Examine the prevalence of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) (including relevant references to Military Sexual Trauma (MST)) among veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan<sup>1</sup>;
- Examine the implications for the domestic and sexual violence fields of veterans returning with co-occurring issues (PTSD, TBI, MST);
- Provide information related to best practices when addressing these co-occurring issues through a multi-systems approach;
- Explore some of the challenges experienced by female service members and veterans through the lens of violence against women; and
- Increase awareness about organizations that are currently working to address TBI, PTSD, MST and domestic violence (DV).

Collection menu includes:

- ✓ Prevalence and Implications of TBI, PTSD and MST (a page for each describing the injury, as well as multiple links to resources and related articles on each page)
- ✓ Best practices for understanding violence perpetration and co-occurring issues;
  - Establishing cause: Intent vs. co-occurring issues
  - Various articles, guides and military programs are described for both the assailant and the victim
  - Addresses military vs. civilian access to supports
- ✓ Challenges Specific to Female Veterans
  - IPV, MST, victimization, homelessness, women in a male-centered system, isolation, mothers who serve, reintegration
  - Various training materials (e-training, webinars) focusing primarily on women
  - Services available for female veterans and service members
- ✓ A list of national and various state organizations that provides services to veterans and/or have the expertise on the intersection of violence and how it relates to the military
- ✓ Includes a glossary of Military-Related terms

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**The below links are sub-links of weblink #1 above and covered in the narrative above**

<https://vawnet.org/sc/establishing-cause-intent-versus-co-occurring-issues>

<https://vawnet.org/sc/what-can-be-done>

<https://vawnet.org/sc/challenges-specific-female-veterans>

<https://vawnet.org/sc/services-available-female-veterans-and-service-members>

<https://vawnet.org/sc/relevant-organizations>

2. <https://vawnet.org/sc/traumatic-brain-injury-and-domestic-violence-understanding-intersections>

**Traumatic Brain Injury and Domestic Violence: Understanding Intersections (June 01, 2014)**

The purpose of this collection is to explore the intersection of TBI and DV, including a screening tool, and related resources **This is a good overview statement on first page of this link -**

*Women who are abused often suffer injury to their head, neck, and face. The high potential for women who are abused to have mild to severe Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a growing concern, since the effects can cause irreversible psychological and physical harm. Women who are abused are more likely to have repeated injuries to the head. As injuries accumulate, likelihood of recovery dramatically decreases. In addition, sustaining another head trauma prior to the complete healing of the initial injury may be fatal."* - Excerpted from the [HELPS Screening Tool for Traumatic Brain Injury](#) adapted and developed by the New York Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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- ✓ Domestic Violence and the Military

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[Abused & Brain Injured \(abitookit.ca\)](#) taken from <https://www.abitookit.ca/> - **good info yet is Canadian – does this matter?**

**Brain Injury 101 – link within this site**

Brain injuries caused by intimate partner violence (IPV) are known as acquired brain injuries (ABIs) – brain injuries that occur after birth.<sup>1</sup> Two types of ABIs are most common among women survivors of IPV: **traumatic brain injury (TBI)**, and **brain injury by strangulation**.

- ✓ An overview traumatic brain injury (TBI), and brain injury by strangulation.
- ✓ Identifying TBI Survivors
- ✓ Signs and Symptoms
- ✓ Long- Term Effects
- ✓ Repetitive Brain Injury
- ✓ Facts and Statistics – **provides good stats to reference**

Abused & Brain Injured – Understanding the Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence and Traumatic Brain Injury provided by **ABIResearchLab**

3. <https://ovc.ojp.gov/events/traumatic-brain-injury-and-domestic-violence-what-are-connections>

**Traumatic Brain Injury and Domestic Violence: What are the Connections? (March 17, 2021)** **I couldn't access this webinar**

4. <https://www.nashia.org/resources-list/category/Domestic+Violence%2FIntimate+Partner+Violence>

5. <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-20-534.pdf>

**Domestic Violence: Improved Data Needed to Identify the Prevalence of Brain Injuries among Victims: United States Government Accountability Office (GAO)/Report to Congressional Committee (June 2020)**

I like the HELP Brain Injury Screening tool – Figure 4 on p. 15

4 major questions:

1. Have you ever had a hit to your head, been strangled or choked?
2. Were you ever seen in the emergency room, hospital or by a doctor because of strangulating or choking?
3. Did you ever blackout, lose consciousness or experience a period of being dazed and confused because of a hit to the head or due to choking or strangulation?
4. Do you experience these signs and symptoms?

I REALLY like the Ohio Injury tip card – Figure 3 – p. 13 – I think this info can be used to provide a nice overview and it is BRIEF!

**Causes**

Punched in the face  
Hit in the head with an object  
Pushed against a wall or other surface  
Shaken violently  
Falling and hitting the head  
Strangled/choked  
Shot in the face or head

**Poll questions:**

1. IPV can cause TBI as a result of being choked or hit in the head or face – T or F (T)
2. Blows to the head or face occur in 30% to 50% of assaults – T or F (F) – 50% -90%
3. Being choked or strangled during IPV the most dangerous form of IPV T - or F (T)