

Domestic Violence and Suicide

Unlike the more usual domestic violence, murder-suicide includes both depression and suicidal thoughts.



Murder-suicide is a shattering, violent event in which a person commits murder, and then shortly after commits suicide. What makes these acts particularly disturbing is that they take the lives of more than one person and often result in the death of family members.

How are Domestic Violence and Murder-Suicide Related?

- 50 - 75% of the 1,200 to 1,500 annual deaths resulting from murder-suicide occur in spousal or other intimate relationships.
- A home in which anyone has been hit or hurt is 4.4 times more likely to be the scene of a homicide

Murder-Suicide Facts:

- More than 10 murder-suicides, almost all by gun, occur each week in the United States.
- In an average six-month period, nearly 591 Americans die in 264 murder-suicides.
- Almost all murder-suicides (92%) involve a firearm.
- 94% of offenders in murder-suicides are male.
- 74% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner (spouse, common-law spouse, ex-spouse, or boyfriend/girlfriend). Of these, roughly 96% are females killed by their intimate male partners.
- Murder-suicides almost always involve a firearm.

RESOURCES

Crisis Hotline (toll-free 24-hour):

877-695-NEED or 877-695-6333

Solutions Community Counseling & Recovery Centers

- Lebanon (975A Kingsview Dr.) 513-228-7800
- Lebanon (204 Cook Rd.) 513-934-7119
- Springboro (50 Greenwood Ln.) 937-746-1154
- Mason (201 Reading Rd.) 513-398-2551
- Wilmington (953 S. South St.) 937-383-4441

Talbert House—Warren Outpatient (759 Columbus Ave.)

513-932-4337

Ohio Domestic Violence Network Information and Referral Line

800-934-9840



Intervention provides hope and assistance. You can find help. Know the signs of someone at risk.

Seek help!

There are several local resources and agencies that offer free or sliding fee services.