

# Safety for Adult Victims Protects Children

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Research suggests lethal risk to children is not distinguishable from lethality for adults in the context of domestic violence. Children's safety is inextricably linked to the safety of adult victims, usually their mothers.

## **Children in Ontario Affected by Domestic Homicide (2002-2007):**

- 23-number of children killed in the context of domestic violence
- 61-number of children present during a domestic homicide
- 16-number of children who witnessed a domestic homicide

Promising practices include safety planning for victims and children, risk assessment and management with abusive partners, and collaboration between systems and services (e.g., justice system, anti-violence agencies, child protection services, and child and family intervention services).