

Appendix 1: Aboriginal Women's Experience of Partner Violence Scale (AEPVS)

The next few questions ask about partner violence. We know many Aboriginal women and men have healthy relationships, and it is women who usually have the main responsibility for looking after the health of family members. We also know a lot of women experience violence at home, and it affects their health.

The Aboriginal Advisory Group (researchers undertaking this study) want the study to give women an opportunity to talk about experiences of partner violence, so that information can be used to advocate for better services and support for Aboriginal women and families.

We know there are negative stereotypes about violence in Aboriginal families. Our aim is to ensure that the information given to us is used to benefit the community, and not used to reinforce negative stereotypes.

You can choose to fill in the questions in this section yourself if you prefer not to talk to an interviewer about them.

You can also choose not to answer any of the questions. Please put a line through any of the questions you prefer not to answer.

In the LAST 12 MONTHS, has a partner or ex-partner ever ...

	NEVER	ONCE	SEVERAL TIMES	A LOT
Told you that you are stupid or no good				
Tried to turn family, friends and children against you				
Refused to contribute to family finances (e.g. pay bills)				
Stopped you from connecting with your Aboriginality (e.g. going to community events, going home to Country)				
Took money you needed for something else (e.g. bills, food)				
Blamed their violent behaviour on you, saying it was your fault because you set them off				
Pushed, grabbed, shoved you				
Got wild if you spent money on yourself				
Got jealous or wild (doodla) if you talked to your male friends or their male friends				
Hit or tried to hit you with something				
Got you to pay their bills				
Used a knife or gun or other weapon				
Stopped you from leaving the house				
Took your money and made you worry about not having enough				
Threatened to hurt you, your family or your pets				
Forced you to do something you didn't want to do sexually				
Smashed up or destroyed your things				
Made you ask for money for bills, food or the kids				

If you have NOT had any of these experiences IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, please skip the next question.

When these things happened, what did you do to protect yourself and stay strong?

	YES	NO
Left the house		
Took the kids to stay with family or friends		
Phoned police		
Got intervention order		
Changed phone number		
Talked to family about it		
Talked to friend about it		
Talked to doctor about it		
Talked to an Aboriginal Health Worker		
Talked to a counsellor/psychologist		
Other (please describe) _____ _____		

Access to the scale:

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