Use your RADAR* to recognize and treat intimate partner violence.

R = Remember to ask
A = Ask directly
D = Document findings
A = Assess safety
R = Review options

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Phone Numbers

SafeLink
(877) 785-2020
TTY (877) 521-2601

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-SAFE

Additional Resource Information:
Facts About Intimate Partner Violence

Intimate partner violence can occur in any relationship:

- Married or unmarried
- Living together or apart
- Heterosexual or same sex

Intimate partner violence is the diagnosis in:

- 12% of all emergency visits by women
- 15% of women seen in primary care settings
- 45% to 60% of mothers of abused children

The most dangerous time for a victim is when she or he decides to leave, making safety planning a critical action step.

Important Interviewing Techniques

Ask all patients:
"At any time, has a partner hit, kicked, or otherwise hurt or frightened you?"

Do:
- Ask:
  - "How badly were you hurt?"
  - "Are you or anyone else in danger now?"
  - "How can you get/stay safe in the future?"
- Document your findings.
- Develop a Safety Plan.
- Say:
  - "You do not deserve to be hurt or abused."
  - "I am concerned for your safety."
  - "Help is available."
- Respect confidentiality and privacy.

Don’t:
- Don’t ask about violence if others are present.
- Don’t blame the patient.
- Don’t ask what she or he did to bring on the violence.
- Don’t ask why she or he has not left or why she or he keeps returning.

Key Safety Planning Elements for Patients

Emergency
- If in danger — call police.
- Plan a safe, rapid exit.

Protective Order
- Carry order with you.
- Keep a copy in a secure place.
- Notify police if order is violated.

Safety at Home
- Change door locks.
- Tell children to keep doors locked.
- Alert neighbors about protective order.

Safety at Work
- Protective order should extend to workplace.
- Alert coworkers and supervisors about order and its provisions.

Other
- If you flee, go somewhere unknown to the batterer.
- Store important items (passport, green card, money, keys, children’s documents, etc.), with a trusted person unknown to the batterer.
- Contact a domestic violence hotline.