

S.B. 117 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMENDMENTS

S.B. 117 aims to prevent intimate partner homicide in Utah by providing victims, law enforcement, judges, and prosecutors with evidence-backed tools and resources.

✘ PROBLEM

- Only half of law enforcement agencies in Utah conduct lethality assessments
- Jurisdictional data silos leave law enforcement, judges, and prosecutors without relevant records on victims and offenders
- No statewide coordination or analysis of domestic violence assessments

✔ SOLUTION

- Standardize and require the Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) statewide
- Develop and maintain a statewide reporting mechanism to collect LAPs and include the results on probable cause statements and incident reports
- Create and maintain a LAP database and provide analytical support

Lethality Assessment Protocol

The Lethality Assessment Protocol (Maryland model) is a research-backed tool to reduce risk and death for victims of intimate partner violence.



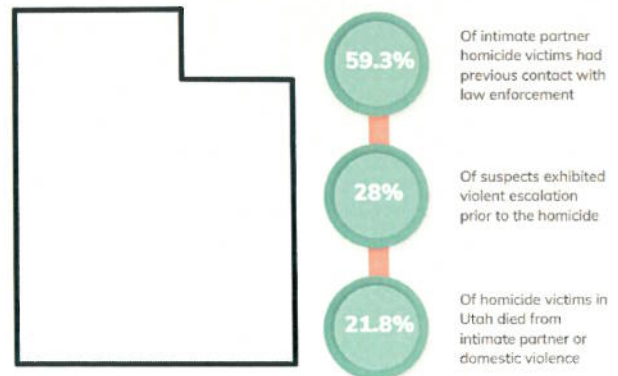
DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

Law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges require info to make informed decisions. S.B. 117 eliminates data silos, shares information statewide, and implements data analysis.

- Train law enforcement on LAP
- Include assessment results on probable cause statements and incident reports
- Collect and share assessment results with law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges
- Track data and identify high-risk offenders with SIAC analysts



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*DHHS Intimate Partner and Domestic Violence Fatalities report