

Have you previously served in the Canadian Armed Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

OR

Are you a partner or spouse (current or former) of a Veteran of either the Canadian Armed Forces or Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

AND

Have you experienced intimate partner violence?

What is this project about?

We are seeking Canadian Veterans and partners of Veterans to participate in a project to understand their experiences of:

- Intimate partner violence, including physical and non-physical forms e.g. physical, psychological, emotional, financial, technology-facilitated, controlling behaviour, sexual and spiritual abuse.
- Accessing help from services in the context of violence, including both Veteran-specific services and those in the community.

The project will help inform violence prevention programs and pathways to obtain help for Veteran Families.

What does this project involve?

The study involves an online interview (~60-90 minutes) about your experiences of intimate partner violence, and the services and supports you have accessed or tried to access. The information you provide will be confidential and your identity will be protected.

Who is suitable to participate?

Depending on your circumstances, it may not be safe to take part in a study on intimate partner violence. This project is suitable for people who are currently living safely away from their abusive/violent partner and can find a safe and private time to participate. Eligible participants will be reimbursed CAN\$50 for their time.

This study is a partnership with the Atlas Institute for Veterans and Families ([Atlas Institute](#)) and is being conducted with an international organization, the Phoenix Australia ([Phoenix Australia](#)) Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, at the University of Melbourne (REB # 2022-23595-31036-3).

What is intimate partner violence?

Intimate partner violence involves behaviour within an intimate or romantic relationship that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm. It can include:

- **Physical aggression**, like hitting or kicking, or breaking things
- **Psychological and emotional abuse**, such as humiliation, intimidation, or threats of harm
- **Controlling behaviour**, including restricting money, movements or seeing friends and family
- **Sexual violence**, for example being forced to do sexual things

If you are currently in an unsafe situation and need assistance, please contact [ShelterSafe](#) to access help: sheltersafe.ca/find-help

Register your interest

Please complete the online form https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8kuE24n8KCHQMzI and a member of our project team will be in contact with you.

If you have any other questions about the project, please contact Dr. Sara Rodrigues (sara.rodrigues@theroyal.ca).

