

Decedent:

The person who died.

Domestic Violence:

A pattern of coercive, controlling behaviors that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, or financial abuse to establish and maintain power and control over one's intimate partner.

Domestic Violence Fatality:

The death of:

- an individual caused by any current/former intimate partner;
- the new partner of the victim of abuse who was killed as a result of intimate partner abuse;
- law enforcement officer(s) killed by an abuser;
- an abuser killed by a victim, law enforcement officer(s), or someone intervening, or;
- an individual by suicide.

Domestic Violence Fatality Review:

The process of identifying domestic violence fatalities and examining the various relationships of the parties for the purpose of reducing the impact of domestic violence on society.

Domestic Violence Perpetrator:

The person who is the predominant aggressor of abuse towards an intimate partner.

Domestic Violence Victim:

The person who is the primary target of the abuse from the domestic violence perpetrator (abuser). The victim is most often the decedent.

Homicide:

The killing of a person by another.

Intimate Partner:

Includes current or former boyfriend/girlfriend, spouse, or dating relationship partner; this may include sexual or affectionate involvement.

Lethality Factors:

Recent life changes that shift risk factors to an elevated level for lethal domestic violence.

Protective Orders:

A court order such as, but not limited to, an order under the Nebraska Protection from Domestic Abuse Act, intended to protect one person from abuse or threatening behavior by another. This also includes harassment orders, out of state orders, and tribal orders.

Risk Factors:

Characteristics present prior to the occurrence of a homicide which might have placed the victim at an increased probability for abuse and death.

Sexual Violence:

Sexual contact and/or sexual penetration, as defined in Neb. Rev. Statutes.

Suicide:

A death that results from an intentional self-inflicted act to cause the death of one's self.

Statutes Referenced:

§28-302. Homicide.

§28-303. Murder in the first degree.

§28-304. Murder in the second degree.

§28-305. Manslaughter.

§28-311.02 through 28-311.04: Stalking.

§28-317 through 28-320.01. Sexual Assault.

§28-323. Domestic Assault. Penalties.

§42-903. Terms, defined. Domestic Abuse Act.

§43-2922. Terms, defined. Parenting Act.