



## Coercive control among Australian women

To have meaningful conversations about how to respond to coercive controlling forms of domestic violence in Australia, we need to understand the experiences of women who report these behaviours.

Survey of over 1,000 Australian women.



Asked about their experiences of domestic violence from a current or former partner in the last three months.



Coercive control = 3 or more forms of non-physical forms of abuse and violence.



### Results

**One in 10 women** reported that they had **experienced coercive control** in the last 3 months.



#### Among women who experienced coercive control...

Experienced jealousy or suspicion of friends **73%**

Experienced emotionally abusive/threatening behaviours **67%**

Experienced monitoring of their time/whereabouts **65%**

Experienced financial abuse **56%**

Experienced interference with their relationships **54%**



**One in three women** who experienced coercive control **did not seek any formal or informal form of support** in the last three months.

The co-occurrence of physical and sexual forms of violence among women who experienced coercive control was very high.

**54% of women experienced physical violence, and 30% experienced sexual violence.**

**23% were beaten, stabbed or shot at with a gun (includes attempts).**

**27% were strangled, choked or held around the throat.**