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**1. Policy**

- 1.1 Correctional Services will collaborate with government and community partners to enhance the safety of victims of intimate partner violence (IPV).
- 1.2 Correctional Services, during the supervision of offenders in custody or under community supervision, will enforce conditions of court orders pertaining to IPV.


**2. Purpose**

- 2.1 The goals of high risk case coordination are to increase victim safety, reduce risk, and avoid duplication. These are achieved through information sharing, effective case planning, collaboration, and improved case tracking.

**3. Definitions**

- 3.1 **Intimate Partner:** Persons who are, or who have been,
  - 3.1.1 in an intimate relationship
  - 3.1.2 legally married
  - 3.1.3 living together in a domestic partnership
  - 3.1.4 a common-law relationship
  - 3.1.5 dating
- 3.2 **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):** Also, referred to as domestic violence, can include
  - 3.2.1 physical, emotional and economic threats including threats to children, friends, pets, property, as well as stalking and harassment
  - 3.2.2 bodily harm, damages to property or causes reasonable fear of bodily harm or property damage
  - 3.2.3 forced confinement or sexual abuse
- 3.3 **High Risk Cases:** Refers to spousal IPV cases where there is substantial concern for potential harm or serious domestic violence to either partner.

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#### 4. Presentence Reports

- 4.1 The probation officer (PO) will make reasonable efforts to interview the victim as part of the presentence report investigation in accordance with Policy and Procedures, Subject No. 15.01.00, [Presentence Reports](#).

#### 5. Offender Community Supervision


- 5.1 Offenders convicted of and/or sentenced on charges relating to IPV and being supervised in the community will be classified initially as maximum supervision cases to ensure effective monitoring practices that enhance victim safety.
- 5.2 The initial interview by a PO of an offender convicted of and/or sentenced on charges relating to IPV will identify the
- 5.2.1 status of the offender's relationship with the victim
- 5.2.2 offender and victim's current living arrangements
- 5.3 Where the offender fails to comply with any condition of the court order(s) or acts in any manner that appears to threaten the safety of the victim, the PO will
- 5.3.1 discuss charges immediately with the senior probation officer
- 5.3.2 notify the HRDV protocol agencies (see form [30.00.00-B](#)) when the offender's level of risk to re-offend appears to be escalating in accordance with Policy and Procedures Subject No. 30.02.00, [High Risk for Domestic Violence Notification](#)
- 5.4 An offender under supervision as a result of an offence involving IPV will
- 5.4.1 be supervised in accordance with Policy and Procedures, Subject No. 14.03.00, [Community Case Management, Standards for Supervision, Intervention Modes and Offender Management Plan](#)
- 5.4.2 not be considered for placement in administrative inactive status.

#### 6. Offender Supervision – Custody

- 6.1 Where an incarcerated offender is subject to a court order for an offence involving IPV and that order is in effect during the period of custody or upon the offender's release to the community, correctional facility staff will be aware of the HRDV risk designation by reviewing the risk tab in JEIN.

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- 6.2 To enhance victim safety, the correctional facility may, with the advance permission of the superintendent or delegate, in accordance with the *Correctional Services Regulations* Section 59 and 60, monitor an offender's communications when they are aware any court order exists that contains a condition of "no contact."
- 6.3 Where the court order does not contain a condition of "no contact," the *Correctional Services Regulations* Section 60(1)(e) permits the correctional facility to assess the appropriateness of any communication between the offender and the victim. The correctional facility will determine this through direct contact with the victim and other collateral community contacts, as appropriate.
- 6.4 Where a probation order comes into force following the offender's release from custody and the order contains a "no contact" condition, the *Correctional Services Regulations* Section 60(1)(e) permits the facility to restrict contact between the victim and the offender during the offender's custodial term.

## 7. Intermittent Sentences

- 7.1 Intermittent sentences that have been identified as an HRDV case will follow the processes outlined in Policy & Procedures, Subject No. 30.00.00, [High Risk for Domestic Violence Initial Designation/Critical Development Ongoing Information](#).
- 7.2 Superintendents will ensure that documentation listing offenders reporting for intermittent sentences includes a column that identifies an alert for designated HRDV cases.
- 7.3 When an intermittent sentenced offender as identified in 7.2, fails to report as directed by a court order, the superintendent or designate will
- 7.3.1 notify local police as per facility standard operating procedures regarding unlawfully at large
  - 7.3.2 advise local police and police in the jurisdiction where the offence occurred, that the case has been designated as HRDV

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7.3.3 notify the HRDV protocol agencies (see form [30.00.00-B](#)) in accordance with Policy and Procedures Subject No. 30.02.00, [High Risk for Domestic Violence Notification](#)

**8. Conditional Release**

8.1 Victims will be contacted during the investigation of all applications for unescorted conditional release which involves offenders convicted of an IPV related offence in accordance with Policy and Procedures, Subject No. 35.10.00, [Temporary Absences - Victims of Crimes](#).

**9. Standard Operating Procedures**

9.1 The superintendent will establish local standard operating procedures (SOP) as required.