

Partner Victimization Scale (PVS)
Hamby, 2013; Hamby, online first (forthcoming 2016)

Intimate partner violence affects many couples and families every year. The Partner Victimization Scale is a new scale developed after methodological experimentation that has good evidence of reliability and validity and produces methodological convergence with gender patterns found in other indicators, such as arrests and witness reports (Hamby, online first). Lifetime history of partner victimization is assessed, with follow-up questions asking for incident details. The follow-up questions are based on the Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire (Finkelhor et al., 2005; Hamby et al., 2011—see information on that scale). These items are only asked of participants who report having had at least one romantic partner. In the Life Paths study, item 5 was not asked of participants under 18 years old.

Reliability & validity: In our rural, low-income sample, reliability was good at .75. Partner victimization was also found to correlate strongly with other indices of victimization and adversity.

Scoring: A “yes” response is scored as 1, and a “no” response is scored as 0. The response scores to the main “screener” items are summed for a total victimization score. Most follow-up questions are scored as dichotomous variables (1 for “yes”, 0 for “no”) or other categorical scoring. Follow-up questions are not included in the total victimization score or summed together.

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Hamby, S. (2013). *The Partner Victimization Scale*. Sewanee, TN: Life Paths Research Program. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.1.1319.4405

Answer the next questions about any boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, or wife you have had, including exes.

1. Not including horseplay or joking around, my partner threatened to hurt me and I thought I might really get hurt.

Yes	1
No	0
2. Not including horseplay or joking around, my partner pushed, grabbed, or shook me.

Yes	1
No	0
3. Not including horseplay or joking around, my partner hit me.

Yes	1
No	0
4. Not including horseplay or joking around, my partner beat me up.

Yes	1
No	0
5. My partner made me do sexual things when I didn't want to.

Yes	1
No	0

Follow-up questions

*If endorsed, all items are asked follow-ups a, b, f, fa, fb, e, g, and h.

*If endorsed, items 2, 3, 4, and 5 are also asked follow-up c.

- a. How old were you when this happened? [check all that apply]

Early Childhood (birth to 5)	1
Childhood (6-12)	2
Adolescence (13-18)	3
Early Adulthood (19-25)	4
Adulthood (26 or older)	5
- b. How many times did this happen to you in your whole life?
Answer the next questions about the last time this happened.
- c. Were you physically hurt when this happened? [not asked for item 1]

Yes	1
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	No	0
d. [omitted for this scale]		
e. Who did this?		
	Husband.....	1
	Boyfriend.....	2
	Ex-boyfriend.....	3
	Wife.....	4
	Girlfriend.....	5
	Ex-girlfriend.....	6
f. Did any teen or grown-up see what happened besides you and the person who did this?		
	Family member of victim or perpetrator	1
	Other person you know, such as a friend, teacher or neighbor	2
	Police	3
	Stranger	4
	No one saw this.....	5
fa. Did anyone who saw what happened:		
	Help in any way	1
	Make things worse	2
	Both helped and made it worse	3
	Didn't help and didn't make it worse	4
fb. Did any witness get hurt or threatened?		
	Yes	1
	No	0
g. Thinking back to when it happened, how afraid did you feel? Would you say you felt:		
	Not at all afraid	1
	A little afraid	2
	Very afraid	3
h. Did you miss any days of school, work, or your normal routine because of what happened?		
	Yes	1
	No	0