

ABOUT IPVIC

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) can be any number of offences that occur between current and former partners who may or may not live together. Harm caused by an intimate partner is often the result of an attempt to gain or use power and control over a partner.

Why is IPV treated differently from other crimes?

The relationship between the person harmed and the person who used violence makes it different from other crimes. The impact can affect not only the victim and any children, but the entire family.

What is the Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Court (IPVIC)? IPVIC is a specialized criminal court, which in law operates in the same manner as traditional criminal justice courts, but is delivered in a way to better serve victims and hold offenders more accountable while requiring the offender to participate in intervention or programming regarding family violence.

IS THIS RIGHT FOR ME?

The accused person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Be charged with any intimate violence offense;
- Attend an appointment to make sure this court is right for you;
- Take responsibility for your actions;
- Agree to get treatment and attend programming; and
- Follow the rules of IPVIC.

Do accused persons need a lawyer to participate in IPVIC? The progress of IPVIC is often complicated. Participants should be represented by either private counsel or Legal Aid defense counsel. Please contact your local Legal Aid Office to make an application.



Provincial Court NL Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Court (IPVIC)

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Grand Falls - Windsor

St. John's

Stephenville



MY PARTNER/EX-PARTNER IS GOING THROUGH THE IPVIC

DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE?



Victims do not have to participate. If you choose to take part, you can do so in the way that is best for you.

Even if you do not want to provide feedback on the Court Plan, you may want to talk to a Victim Services Coordinator about the options available to you and your children.

Contact Information:

Domestic Violence Help Line: 1-888-709-7090

Victim Services:

- Grand Falls - Windsor: (709) 292-4508
- St. John's: (709) 729-0900
- Stephenville: (709) 643-6588
- Legal Aid: <https://www.legalaid.nl.ca/>
 - Toll free: 1-800-563-9911



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THE IPVIC TEAM

IPVIC is different from regular court as it uses a team approach to support the individual during the process.

The team includes:

- Your lawyer
- Crown Prosecutor
- Victim Services
- Bail Supervisor
- Specialty Court Liaison
- Risk Assessor
- CSSD Liaison (if required)

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED?

Programs are available for individuals who plead guilty in IPVIC. The assessment determines eligibility and the level of programming required. The number of required sessions vary depending on individual needs.

The programs have no cost, no wait lists and will teach new skills to help participants in their life and relationships.

Participants are typically in these programs between three and nine months. Participation is often viewed favorably during sentencing.

SENTENCING

Once programming is completed, the lawyer will request a Report including final counselling report and, in some cases, more details on the participant's life and background.

The Judge reviews everything completed during IPVIC including programming and bail supervision before making a decision on appropriate sentence.