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Over One Million Australians Experience Violence Each Year

New research from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that more needs to be done for victims of violence, say the International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WiSH).

According to the recently released National Personal Safety Survey 2005, an estimated 443 800 women and 808 300 men experienced violence in the previous 12 months.

WiSH Chairwoman Ms Samara McPhedran said “The statistics show the need for governments to engage in more effective violence reduction initiatives, as well as assisting community-based support efforts.”

WiSH called upon Australian State and Federal Governments to acknowledge the importance of ensuring adequate support services for victims of violence.

Of individuals who experienced physical assault, 61% of men were assaulted by a stranger, whereas 31% of women were assaulted by a current or former partner.

“Despite a handful of improvements in policy and funding in recent years, there is still a long way to go,” Ms McPhedran stated.

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