Women are much less likely than men to be victims of homicide as a result of gun violence. In Colorado from 1990-2010, 23% of firearms homicide victims were female.¹

For women, the danger of gun violence is rarely "stranger danger," but rather the intimate partner:

▶ Of those women murdered by guns in 2008, 90% of them were killed by someone they knew.²

▶ When firearms are used in a family or intimate assault, death is 12 times more likely than if another weapon is used.³

▶ An abuser's access to a gun is associated with an 8-fold increase in the risk of homicide.⁴

▶ Firearms appear to be far more common in homes where battering has occurred (36.7%) than in the general population (16.7%).⁵

Can women protect themselves from victimization by owning a gun? In actuality, statistics show that guns are more of a danger than a means of security.

▶ A firearm in the home raises a woman's risk of suicide by a factor of five, while her risk of homicide is increased by more than three times.⁶

▶ In 1992, for every time a woman used a handgun to justifiably kill a stranger, 239 women were murdered by a handgun.⁶

The gun industry has made attempts to increase sales by scaring women into owning guns, when instead, owning a gun endangers the lives women and their children.

1  Colorado Death Statistics, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, http://www.chd.dphe.state.co.us