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Preface

In today's world, communication, socialization, and relationship formation are fostered on the multiple availabilities of technology. Texting, instant messaging, and tweeting have all but replaced the United States mail system and conversations on the telephone. Serious relationships and commitments are made between individuals who have never physically met. However, technology has also given predators additional methods of manipulation and violation, as well as allowed significant others to stalk, threaten, and harass those who are most vulnerable. Intimate partner violence has expanded from the home to a world where millions can view and participate in victimization, or silently watch and ignore the mounting evidence that someone is likely to be seriously harmed.

The purpose of this edited book is to present how technology, while beneficial in so many ways, has become a hated enemy for so many victims of intimate partner violence. Research from scholars in the academic field, as well as government studies, statutes, and other material were gathered and summarized in this text. Key concepts, statistics and legislative histories are discussed in every chapter. It is the desire of the author to educate and enlighten a wide audience, from those who are completely unfamiliar with the topic as an entirety to individuals who need more specific information on the link between technology and violation. This text should be a useful guide to students, academics, and practitioners alike.

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