

## **STUDIES ABOUT BATTERED WOMEN'S SYNDROME**

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### [The Validity and Use of Evidence Concerning Battering and Its Effects in Criminal Trials](#)

This study from the United States Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice and the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute on Mental Health analyzes the validity of Battered Women's Syndrome, the effectiveness of expert testimony on Battered Women's Syndrome, and the effects of battering on criminal trial outcomes. Please note that this study is from 1996 and may be outdated.

### [Battered Woman Syndrome: Key Elements of a Diagnosis and Treatment Plan](#)

This article from PsychCentral centers on identifying and treating Battered Women's Syndrome. It also includes a segment on how Battered Women's Syndrome may be relevant in the legal sphere.

### [The Battered Woman Syndrome](#)

This study analyzes the six criteria which constitute Battered Women's Syndrome and the intersection between Battered Women's Syndrome and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This link only contains an abstract of the study, but users may request the full document by clicking on "request full text" in the upper right corner of the page. Please note that this study is from 1985 and may be outdated.

### [Dr. Lenore Walker](#)

Dr. Walker is one of the pioneers of researching Battered Women's Syndrome and has testified as an expert in court on behalf of battered women who have killed or seriously injured their abusers. Her website contains links to her research on Battered Women's Syndrome and information on other issues