

Table 10.2 Risk Factors Associated With Intimate Abuse of People With Disabilities

Risk Factors Associated With the Victim	Risk Factors Associated With the Perpetrator
Greater likelihood of being unemployed and living in poverty	Desire for a partner who is easily dominated, controlled, and manipulated
Young age	Behaves in a patriarchal, dominating manner
Exposure to multiple potential perpetrators due to assistance needs	Engages in sexually proprietary behaviors
Social isolation	Stress from responsibilities associated with caring for a disabled person (but this factor has not received strong empirical support)
Dependency (physical, financial, emotional)	

SOURCES: References are representative rather than exhaustive: Brownridge, 2006; Martin et al., 2006; Nosek, Hughes, Taylor, & Taylor, 2006; Plummer & Findley, 2012; Powers, Curry, Oswald, & Maley, 2002; Saxton et al., 2001.