

Utah Domestic Violence Related Deaths 2010

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The Utah Domestic Violence Council compiles and continually updates information on domestic violence related deaths. Information contained in this report was gathered from public sources—largely from newspapers and the electronic media. Once cases have resulted in official governmental action, the committee may refer to publicly available information from law enforcement, prosecution offices, and/or the Utah State Courts.

While virtually all homicides are covered in the media, and are therefore included in this report, the majority of suicides not related to a criminal event are not included in the report. Accordingly, it is probable that a number of domestic violence related suicides were not publicized and therefore, unknown to the compilers of this report, and thus are not included in the report. That assumption is supported by information compiled by the Utah State Department of Health from confidential sources.

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DATE OF DEATH	NAME, AGE, RELATIONSHIP SITUATION	PLACE OF DEATH
<p>#1</p> <p>January 4, 2010</p>	<p>Norma Leticia Villalobos-Guzman, Age 36, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>Norma Leticia Villalobos-Guzman walked into her kitchen covered in blood and asked one of her roommates to call the police. As she sat down on the floor, she complained that her back hurt. Her husband, Roberto Aguirre Ramirez, 27, followed Norma into the room carrying a knife and said, "You and I are going to die today." According to a roommate, Ramirez then stabbed himself on the right side of his chest and cut his wrist. A roommate told police he had heard Norma and her husband, Ramirez, arguing inside their bedroom a few minutes before they entered the kitchen.</p> <p>Both Norma and Ramirez were taken to Utah Valley Medical Center in Provo where Norma underwent open-heart surgery for multiple stab wounds and died later that day. Ramirez survived his alleged suicide attempt and was hospitalized for a few days and later released.</p> <p>On January 19, 2010, Ramirez appeared in court where he was charged with one count of first-degree degree felony murder, and felony counts of obstructing justice, domestic violence in the presence of a child, possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person, and possession of a controlled substance. In August Ramirez pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of manslaughter. He was sentenced to one to fifteen years, and two separate terms of zero to five years for the two separate counts of drug possession, to be served concurrently.</p> <p><i>Sources: Daily Herald, January 20,21,28, and November 18, 2010; KSL 5News, November 18, 2010; Salt Lake City Headlines Examiner, January 11, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, January 19, August 20 and November 17,18, 2010</i></p>	<p>Provo, UT</p>
<p>#2</p> <p>January 29, 2010</p>	<p>Tetyana Nikitina, Age 34, Cohabitant Homicide</p> <p>On Friday, January 29, 2010, about 3:00 p.m., Tetyana Nikitina was leaving Salt Lake Community Action Program Head Start after attending a teacher's training meeting. Tetyana had reached her vehicle and was talking to her fiancé, Rod Hernandez, on her cell phone. Mary Nance Hanson, 70, suddenly approached her and fired multiple shots at her with</p>	<p>Millcreek, UT</p>

	<p>a .38-caliber revolver. One of the shots hit Tetyana in the head, fatally wounding her. Hanson then called 911 and reported that she had just shot a woman</p> <p>Police confirmed ties between the two women. Hanson was Tetyana's ex-mother-in-law. Hanson's son, Dale Jankowski, 45, of Salt Lake City, and Teyana divorced five years previously and were still entangled in a bitter custody battle over their two children. Tetyana stated in one of the divorce documents that Hanson became combative over her grandchildren and allegedly refused to allow Tetyana to see the children. In one instance, as Tetyana was driving away with the children in her car, Hanson pursued her, cutting her off and causing them to crash into another car.</p> <p>After making the call to police, Hanson was arrested at the crime scene on suspicion of first-degree felony murder and bail was set at one-million-dollars. In August Hanson pleaded guilty as charged to first-degree felony murder, and in October, was sentenced to fifteen years to life.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, January 31 and February 1, 2010; FOX 13 News, January, 30, 2010; KSL5 News, January 29, 2010; KUTV 2 News, January 30, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, February 3,5,and October 22, 2010</i></p>	
<p>#3</p> <p>February 21, 2010</p>	<p>Amy Jo Candland, Age 41, Cohabitant Homicide</p> <p>A hiker in Hobbie Creek Canyon discovered the severely beaten body of Amy Candland just after 4:00 p.m., on Sunday, January 21, 2010. According to a probable cause statement, Amy's body was next to a dumpster near Jolly's Ranch. The victim had been bound by duct tape and a gray cord was wrapped around her neck. The next day Amy's nephew, Damian Allister Candland, 22, was arrested and is being held in Utah County Jail on a one-million-dollar cash bail.</p> <p>According to the autopsy report, Amy suffered hemorrhaging of the neck consistent with strangulation, hemorrhages in her cranium and brain consistent with trauma, contusions on her face and jaw consistent with assault, and physical injuries consistent with sexual assault. A police investigation found evidence that the slaying occurred at the Provo home she shared with her nephew and a roommate. Her body was then transported from her home to the canyon, where footprints and drag marks at the scene indicated Amy's body was dragged across a small creek and up a hill to a main road, before it was deposited next to the dumpster.</p> <p>Amy had previously complained to others, including her brother—Candland's father—that Candland was physically abusive to her. One of her friends told police that Amy was terrified of her nephew and believed</p>	<p>Provo, UT</p>

	<p>he would kill her.</p> <p>Candland was originally charged with first-degree felony murder and second-degree felony obstruction of justice. Charges were later amended to first-degree felony aggravated murder, first-degree felony rape, and second-degree obstruction of justice. The case is set for further proceedings on February 3, 2011.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4 News, February 23, 2010; Daily Herald, February 22-24, 2010; Deseret News, February 22, 23, 2010; Fox 13, February 22, 2010; Idaho State Journal, February 22, 2010; KSL 5News, February 22, 23, 2010; KUTV 2, February 23, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, February 24, 25, 2010; Seattle Headlines Examiner, February 22, 2010; Utah Crimes News, February 23, 2010; Deseret News, July 8, 2010; Deseret News, October 14, 2010; Deseret News, September 8, 2010; court records.</i></p>	
<p>#4</p> <p>March 9, 2010</p>	<p>Maralee Ann Andreason, Age 55, Cohabitant Homicide</p> <p>Police arrested Thomas James Valdez, 44, after he called a family member to say he had just killed his girlfriend, Maralee Andreason. He is being held without bail. Valdez admitted to arguing with Maralee and striking her several times. He stated that he left her apartment right after she died. Her body showed signs of blunt force trauma, and according to the medical examiner's report, she had been beaten and stabbed multiple times. A neighbor stated she was home at the time and heard screams and related noises.</p> <p>Court records showed that Valdez has been in and out of prison for the past twenty years. In 2004 he was convicted of aggravated assault against a former girlfriend. He beat her so severely that she required plastic surgery to repair facial fractures and a broken nose. Valdez is charged with first-degree felony murder and possession of a dangerous weapon by a restricted person. The case is set for jury trial on January 13, 2011.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4 News, March 10, 2010; Deseret News March 10, 2010; Fox 13 News, March 10, 2010; KSL 5News, March 10, 11, 2010; KUTV 2 News, March 10, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, March 10,11, 2010; court records.</i></p>	<p>West Valley City, UT</p>
<p>#5</p> <p>April 2, 2010</p>	<p>Linda Covey Halliday, Age 69, Domestic Violence Homicide</p> <p>The bodies of Ron Halliday, 73, his wife Linda Halliday, 69, and their son Stuart Halliday, 35, were discovered by police after receiving a call from an out-of-state relative. The caller was concerned because she had been unable to contact the couple for over a week. Police entered the</p>	<p>Salt Lake City, UT</p>

	<p>home through an unlocked door in the rear of the house. They found blood spatter on the main floor and three bodies in the basement. Ron's body was found in a den; Linda's and the son's bodies were found in different areas of the basement. A handgun was recovered. It appeared that Halliday shot both of his parents and then turned the gun on himself.</p> <p>According to neighbors, the Hallidays had lived on the street for about 30 years. Halliday was attending college in California and had been seen around the couple's home for about two weeks. Motive for the murders and suicide has not been determined.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, April 3, 2010; Fox 13 News, April 2, 2010; KSL 5 News, April 2, 2010; KUTV 2 News, April 3, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, April 2, 2010; Standard Examiner, April 2, 2010</i></p>	
<p>#6</p> <p>April 2, 2010</p>	<p>Vernee Ronald Halliday, Age 73, Domestic Violence Related Homicide (See Report Above)</p>	<p>Salt Lake City, UT</p>
<p>#7</p> <p>April 2, 2010</p>	<p>Vernee Stuart, Halliday, Age 35, Perpetrator Suicide (See Report Above)</p>	<p>Salt Lake City, UT</p>
<p>#8</p> <p>May 6, 2010</p>	<p>Sandra Paulina Hernandez, 26, Cohabitant Homicide</p> <p>At about 10:00 a.m., on May 6, 2010, Carlos Augusto Soto-Lopez, 28, called Midvale Police and said he needed "the cops" to come over. When they arrived Soto-Lopez extended his hands for cuffing, admitting he strangled and killed his common-law wife, Sandra Paulina Hernandez, 26, telling police, "I'm tired. I killed her."</p> <p>At 8:30 a.m., Soto-Lopez called to report his wife missing. As police arrived to take the report, they found that Sandra had just returned home. After police left, the couple apparently got into a heated argument. When police responded to the home the second time, they found Sandra's body on the living room couch. Soto-Lopez admitted covering the body with blankets so the couple's two daughters, 5 and 8 years old, would not see their mother if they woke up. Sandra had been strangled with a telephone charger cord wrapped "very tightly" around her neck. She also suffered severe head trauma after apparently being hit so hard with a glass blender pitcher that the heavy glass shattered.</p> <p>The couple had lived together for eight years and police had responded to the apartment several times for domestic violence disturbances. Soto-Lopez was booked into Salt Lake County Jail and charged with one</p>	<p>Midvale, UT</p>

	<p>count of first-degree felony murder and two counts of third-degree felony commission of domestic violence in the presence of a child. The case is set for pretrial conference on January 25, 2010.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, May 7,8, 2010, Fox 13 News, May, 6, 2010; KSL 5 News, May,6, 2010; Standard Examiner, May 7, 2010, Salt Lake Tribune, September 1, updated September 2, 2010; court records.</i></p>	
<p>#9</p> <p>June 14, 2010</p>	<p>Deborah Haudley, Age 34, Cohabitant Homicide</p> <p>The body of Deborah Haudley, 34, was discovered early Tuesday morning, June 14, 2010, in a motel room she had shared with her boyfriend, Oscar Reyes, 34. Initially, Reyes reported Deborah's death as an alcohol overdose. Reyes reported to police that he and Deborah had been drinking the night before and he woke up and found her dead. The Medical Examiner's Office performed a preliminary autopsy and determined that Deborah had died of head trauma and bleeding in the brain. Police returned to interview Reyes, who then admitted to having a fight with Deborah over a cell phone. He stated that he hit her on the head twice with an open hand and then took a shower before going to sleep. Others who were staying in a room below reported hearing the couple fighting the night before. They heard yelling and thumping noises coming from their room. Court documents state that Reyes was charged with third-degree felony homicide by assault and witness tampering, a third-degree felony. On December 2, 2010, Reyes, a Mexican national, was ordered to stand trial for his girlfriend's murder. Considered a flight risk, Reyes remains in jail on \$100,000 bail.</p> <p><i>Sources: Deseret News, June 16, 2010, Fox 13 News, June 19, 2010; KSL 5 News, June 16, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, June 19, 2010; Deseret News, December 9, 2010.</i></p>	<p>Salt Lake City, UT</p>
<p>#10</p> <p>July 2, 2010</p>	<p>Joseph Hewitt, Age 65, Domestic Violence Homicide</p> <p>On July 1, Kenneth Toso Tupea, 32, was called to his parent's home in West Valley City to help his uncles move. Soon after arriving at the home he got into a fight with both of his uncles, Joseph Hewitt, 65, and Ronald Morgan, 67. He pushed Joseph down a flight of stairs and then picked up a four-pronged walking cane and struck Ronald in the face, causing cuts above one of his eyes and on his forehead. When police arrived they found Joseph at the bottom of the stairs bleeding and unconscious. He was flown to the University of Utah Hospital where he died around 7:00 a.m. the next day of intracranial hemorrhaging. Ronald was taken to Pioneer Valley Hospital and treated for his injuries, which required stitches. Tupea was charged with second-degree felony manslaughter and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a third-</p>	<p>West Valley City, UT</p>

	<p>degree felony. Court records show Tupea has a history of criminal mischief, domestic violence related battery, and assault convictions. Arraignment is set for January 24, 2011.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4 News, July 3, 2010; Deseret News, July 1, 2, 3, 9 and December 12, 2010; KSL 5 News, July 3, 2010; KUTV 2 News, July 3, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, July 2, 11 and September 21, 2010</i></p>	
<p>#11</p> <p>August 4, 2010</p>	<p>Patricia Andrews, Age 79, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>Gunshots were reported to Cedar City Police at an assisted living center. Upon arrival at the center, police found the bodies of Patricia Andrews, 79, and Jack Andrews, 80, with what appeared to be gunshot wounds. The bodies were transported to the Medical Examiner's Office to determine the manner and cause of death. Evidently Andrews shot his wife, Patricia, and then shot himself in a murder-suicide.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4News, October 5, 2010; Associated Press, October 5, 2010; Deseret News, October 4, 5, 6, 2010; FOX 13News, October 5, 2010; KPVI News 6, October 5, 2010; KSL 5News, October 4, 2010; KUTV 2News, October 5, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, October 5, 2010; The Spectrum, October 5, 6, 2010</i></p>	<p>Cedar City, UT</p>
<p>#12</p> <p>August 4, 2010</p>	<p>Jack Andrews, Age 80, Perpetrator Suicide (See Report Above)</p>	<p>Cedar City, UT</p>
<p># 13</p> <p>August 29, 2010</p>	<p>Maria Monserrat Nevarez Tolentino, Age 36, Dating Relationship Homicide</p> <p>Residents of an apartment complex in South Salt Lake discovered the body of Maria Monserrat Tolentino, 36, near a parking stall just a few feet from her car. According to witnesses, Maria stepped outside to meet a friend and was shot multiple times in the upper torso. She died in surgery later that evening.</p> <p>Maria's ex-boyfriend, Salvador Landin-Castanon, 29, was arrested without incident in a Salt Lake City residence around 1:00 a.m., about three hours after the initial call to police. He had apparently been waiting for Maria to leave a family gathering. Landin-Castanon is being held in Salt Lake County Jail on charges of first-degree felony murder and two weapons violations. According to booking documents, he told another person that he had shot his girlfriend three times and hoped she died. No previous criminal history was found in Utah court records for Landin-Castanon. On December 6, 2010, he pleaded guilty to first-degree felony murder and the two weapons charges were dismissed. Sentencing is set for January 24, 2011.</p>	<p>South Salt Lake City, UT</p>

	<p><i>Sources: Chicago Tribune, August 30, 2010; Deseret News, August 30, 2010; Fox 13News, August 30, 2010; KSL 5News, KUTV 2News, August 29, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, August 29, 2010 and September 1, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, published September 1, updated October 8, 2010, court records.</i></p>	
<p>#14</p> <p>September 24, 2010</p>	<p>Lori Rickenbach, Age 41, Domestic Violence Related Homicide</p> <p>On Friday morning around 11:30 a.m., the 17-year-old son of Lori and Scott Rickenbach discovered his parents bodies, dead of apparent gunshot wounds. Police investigated the shootings as a murder-suicide, but did not make a determination until the bodies were sent to the Medical Examiner's Office. Rickenbach apparently shot his wife and then turned the gun on himself. Rickenbach's sister told police that the couple was having marital problems but she was unaware of the extent of the problems. Lori had recently served divorce papers on her husband. One of the neighbors stated that the Rickenbachs always had smiles on their faces and appeared to be a perfect couple. They left behind four young children.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4News, September 24, 2010; Couples In The News, September 26, 2010; Dailey Herald, September 25, 2010; Deseret News, September 24, 2010; FOX 13News, September 24, 2010; KSL 5News, September 25, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, September 24, and October 15, 2010</i></p>	<p>Richfield, UT</p>
<p>#15</p> <p>September 24, 2010</p>	<p>Scott Rickenbach, Age 45, Perpetrator Suicide (See Report Above)</p>	<p>Richfield, UT</p>
<p>#16</p> <p>October 31, 2010</p>	<p>William Marlow Seager, Age 58, Domestic Violence Related Death</p> <p>William Marlow Seager died of a fatal head injury after being pushed down the stairs by his son, William Chad Seager, 31, during an altercation. Charging documents say that after the incident, the younger Seager took a trip to Wendover and returned to find his father in the same position that he had left him in. He told police that William's breathing was shallow and that he put a garbage bag over his father's head to keep the blood from spreading on the floor. He also removed the bloody clothes and hid them in a nightstand drawer in an upstairs bedroom. Seager then wrapped his father's body in bed sheets and tried to secure it with black tie downs. He tried to move the body out of the home without success, by placing a piece of plywood under it. That is when Seager called 911 to report that he had found his father's body after returning from a trip. When Seager was questioned by police, he had</p>	<p>West Valley City, UT</p>

	<p>\$1,100.00 on him and told them his father often kept large amounts of cash around the house. Seager has been charged with first-degree felony murder and second-degree robbery and obstruction of justice. The son had moved in with his father two weeks before the incident to save money after becoming unemployed.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4Utah, November 1, 2010; Deseret News, November 2, 3, 2010; Connect 2Utah, November 1, 2010; KSL 5 News, November 1, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, November 1, 2, 23, 2010; Standard Examiner, November 2, 2010</i></p>	
<p>#17</p> <p>November 21, 2010</p>	<p>Mary White, Age 62, Domestic Violence Homicide</p> <p>John Paul White, 21, was arrested on Tuesday, November 23, for killing his mother, Mary White, 62, inside her condominium. A neighbor living in the unit below called the manager to report that the water in Mary’s condo had been running for two days. When the manager went inside to investigate, he found Mary’s body lying in a pool of blood, with multiple stab wounds on her neck and the knife still in her neck. John Paul White was later located in Murray and admitted to police that he killed his mother on Sunday around noon and then fled the scene. He was booked into Salt Lake County Jail for investigation of aggravated murder. White had lived with his mother for about three years.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4 News, November 24, 2010; Deseret News, November 24, 2010; Fox 13 News, November 24, 2010; KSL, 5 News, November 24, 2010; KUTV 2 News, November 24, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, November 24, 27, 2010</i></p>	<p>South Salt Lake City, UT</p>
<p>#18</p> <p>December 15, 2010</p>	<p>Daryl Antonio, Age 22, Domestic Violence Homicide</p> <p>Christopher Blackhorse, 34, called 9-1-1 at 9:17 a.m. to report that his step-brother was in cardiac arrest and was not responding. When paramedics arrived, they discovered the body of Daryl Antonio 22, with significant injuries to his head and body, and obvious signs that a fight had occurred. Medics called the Unified Police Department to the scene where police determined that Daryl had been brutally beaten to death—the type of weapon was not yet specified, but police indicated that Daryl had suffered significant trauma. Police did not know immediately if Blackhorse was involved in the assault. After questioning him for several hours, he was arrested for domestic homicide and obstruction of justice; Blackhorse had tried to change the scene to cover up the crime. Apparently the assault was not confined to one room of the house, where the two men lived for more than two years. Police recovered several items, including some that could have been used as weapons. Later, Blackhorse told police that after the fight, the house had been</p>	<p>Kearns, UT</p>

	<p>covered in blood and that he tried to clean it up with a sponge. He also told them that he took Antonio's clothing and a knife, which had been used in the assault, and had thrown the evidence in a garbage can before calling for 911.</p> <p><i>Sources: ABC 4 News, December 15, 2010; Associated Press, December 16, 2010; Daily Herald, December 16, 2010; Deseret News, December 15, 2010; Fox 13 News, December 13, 2010; Greenwich Times, December 16, 2010; KSL 5 News, December 15, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, December 15, 2010; Standard Examiner, December 16, 2010, WordPress, December 16, 2010</i></p>	
<p>#19</p> <p>December 16, 2010</p>	<p>John F. Sharp, Age 32, Domestic Violence related Death</p> <p>Within a fourteen-hour period, police were dispatched for the third time to the home where John Sharp and his former girlfriend, Mellony Pursel, 32, had lived. The couple had recently broken up and Sharp was apparently in the process of moving out. At 4:30 a.m. he went to the home to try to work things out with Mellony, but she didn't want him there. She called the police and they escorted him out. He returned again at 9:00 a.m. and began rampaging and destroying furniture. Police were called and Sharp was booked into Weber County Jail for domestic violence criminal mischief. At 5:14 p.m. he made bail and was released. Sharp almost immediately violated his no-contact order and returned to Mellony's house where he began to chase Mellony and assault her by strangling her in the presence of her 17-year-old niece and her niece's baby. The 17-year-old obtained a gun and ordered him to stop. Sharp then went after the niece and she fired two shots, hitting Sharp in the chest and killing him. The shots went through Sharp's body and hit Mellony in the shoulder. She was transported to McKay-Dee Hospital and is expected to recover. Police consider the 17-year-old's actions justified. "What we are looking at is a case of self-defense," stated Roy Police Chief Greg Windham.</p> <p><i>Sources: Fox 13 News, December 17, 2010; KSL 5 News, December 16, 17, 2010; Ogden City News, December 18, 2010; Standard Examiner, December 16, 17, 2010; Salt Lake Tribune, December 16, 17, 2010; The Spectrum, December 17, 2010; USA Today, December 17, 2010</i></p>	<p>Roy, UT</p>

SUMMARY

BREAKDOWN OF DEATHS BY CATEGORY:

Cohabitant Homicides	5 (all female)
Perpetrator Suicides	3 (all male)
Domestic Violence Related Homicides	8 (5 female, 3 male)
Domestic Violence Related Suicides	
Domestic Violence Related Deaths	2 (both male)
Dating Relationship Homicides	1 (female)
Dating Relationship Suicides	
Total Deaths in 2010	19

BREAKDOWN OF WEAPON USED OR APPARENT CAUSE OF DEATH:

Firearm	10
Blunt Force Trauma	4
Stabbing	3
Strangulation	2

UTAH STATUTE

1. "Domestic violence" means:

- any criminal offense involving
 - violence
 - physical harm
 - threat of violence or physical harm
- any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit a criminal offense involving
 - violence or physical harm
- when committed by one cohabitant against another

(See Utah Code Ann. § 77-36-1(2))

"Domestic violence" also means commission or attempt to commit any of the following offenses by one cohabitant against another:

- aggravated assault
- assault
- criminal homicide
- harassment
- telephone harassment
- kidnapping, child kidnapping or aggravated kidnapping
- mayhem (mutilation of a body part)

- sexual offenses
 - unlawful sexual intercourse
 - rape
 - object rape
 - sodomy/forcible sodomy
 - forcible sexual abuse
 - aggravated sexual assault
 - sexual exploitation of a minor
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- stalking
 - unlawful detention
 - violation of a protective order
 - offenses against property (theft is not a domestic violence offense)
 - offenses against possession of a deadly weapon with intent to assault
 - discharge of a firearm from a vehicle, near a highway, or in the direction of any person, building or vehicle
 - disorderly conduct if conviction result of plea negotiation from an original domestic violence offense
 - child witnessing domestic violence child abuse
 - any other criminal offense involving violence or physical harm

(See Utah Code Ann. § 77-36-1)

2. “Cohabitant” means:

- an emancipated person or a person who is 16 years old or older who:
- is or was a spouse of the party (separated or divorced)
- is or was living as if a spouse of the other party (common law marriage, cohabitant)
- is related by blood or marriage to the other party; (relative, in-law, elder parent)
- has one or more children in common with the other ; or
- resides or has resided in the same residence as the other party (roommates, same sex relationships)
- is the biological parent of the other’s unborn child

“Cohabitant” does not include the relationship of a natural parent, adoptive parent, or step-parent to a minor or the relationship of minor siblings to each other

(See Utah Code Ann. § 78B-7-102(2), (3)).