

EXPERIENCES OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN RAINBOW COMMUNITIES

IPV Survivors--including LGBT Survivors--may experience:

LGBT Survivors may also experience:

Emotional Abuse

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put downs • Humiliation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioning the validity of the survivor's gender identity or sexual orientation • Controlling how partner expresses their gender or sexuality • Using homo/bi/transphobic slurs |
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Minimizing, Denying or Blaming

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimizing abuse • Blaming survivor for the abuse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accusing survivor of "mutual abuse" • Denying abuse can occur in same sex relationships or with transgender partner |
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Physical Abuse

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoving, pushing • Slapping, hitting • Kicking • Biting • Strangulation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withholding hormones for gender transition • Forced public displays of affection in areas that are not LGBT friendly to intimidate or scare partner • Forced public displays of affection that "out" a partner |
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Sexual Abuse

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical assaults to "sexual" body areas • Forced sex • Refusal to allow safe sex practices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using gender roles to control what partner does sexually • Forcing partner to have sex in a way that doesn't align with their gender identity |
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Cultural/Identity Abuse

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the survivor's culture/identity against them • Preventing survivors from observing the customs of their faith | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the survivor's sexual orientation or gender identity against them • Reinforcing internalized homo/bi/transphobia |
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Using Children

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using children to relay abusive messages • Threatening to take the children • Threatening to harm the children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threats to or revealing sexual orientation and gender identity to children • Threats to use sexual orientation or gender identity to gain custody of children |
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Using Isolation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting the survivor's activities and contact with others • Making survivors account for their whereabouts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatening to or isolating from LGBT networks and social spaces • Threatening to "out" survivors to estrange them from family or friends |
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Economic Abuse

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlling finances • Making survivor ask for money • Interfering with work or education • Using credit cards without permission | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatening to "out" partner to employer • Identity theft which can be easier if the partner is the same sex |
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