

Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence in Rainbow Communities

IPV Survivors--including LGBT Survivors--may experience:	LGBT Survivors may also experience:
Emotional Abuse	
<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
Minimizing, Denying or Blaming	
<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
Physical Abuse	
<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
Sexual Abuse	
<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
Cultural/Identity Abuse	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the survivor’s culture/identity against them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the survivor’s sexual orientation or gender identity against them

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing survivors from observing the customs of their faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcing internalized homo/bi/transphobia
Using Children	
<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
Using Isolation	
<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
Economic Abuse	
<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