

# INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence, when one person believes they are entitled to control another. Tactics abusers use to control their partners include emotional, psychological, economic, physical and sexual abuse.

Intimate partner violence is not unique to the heterosexual community, but in fact occurs with equal prevalence in lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgender (LGBT) communities. In the home and family, LGBT individuals, particularly youth, are at a heightened risk of violence by family members.



**LGBT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE  
OF WNY HAS BEEN RAISING AWARENESS  
OF THE IMPACT OF INTIMATE PARTNER  
VIOLENCE ON LGBT PEOPLE AND IMPROVING  
COMMUNITY RESPONSE SINCE 2001.**

The Committee is comprised of volunteer professionals who work in the area of violence prevention, treatment, education, and policy.

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## FACTS & STATISTICS

IPV occurs in about **30%** of same-sex relationships—the same frequency as in heterosexual relationships. Like in heterosexual partnerships, violence within LGBT relationships cross age, race, class and socio-economic lines.

**40%** of gay and bisexual men experience abuse in intimate partner relationships—comparable to the amount of domestic violence experienced by heterosexual women.

**50%** of lesbians have experienced or will experience IPV in their lifetimes.

**38%** of survivors reporting IPV are under 30. IPV is the third most severe health problem facing gay men today" behind HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

Facts and statistics have been adapted from [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org) and [www.avp.org](http://www.avp.org).



## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

- » Educate yourself on the issue

### PRIDE CENTER OF WNY

[www.PrideCenterWNY.org](http://www.PrideCenterWNY.org)

### NYS OFFICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

[www.opdv.state.ny.us](http://www.opdv.state.ny.us)

### NATIONAL COALITION OF ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

[www.avp.org/ncavp.htm](http://www.avp.org/ncavp.htm)

### GAY MEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

[www.gmdvp.org](http://www.gmdvp.org)

### NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

[www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

- » Share what you know, think, feel and believe with family, friends and colleagues.
- » Listen to and believe friends and family who may be unsafe and guide them to a help source.
- » Advocate for laws and policies that promote equal rights for LGBT people.
- » Support community efforts to end violence by becoming a member of the Committee—contact Mark Boser at:

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## HAS YOUR PARTNER OR EX-PARTNER EVER...

- » Isolated you from friends or family?
- » Told you who you could see, where you could go?
- » Controlled how you spend your money, ran up your credit cards?
- » Kept your house or car keys from you?
- » Prevented you from working, attending school, etc.?
- » Threatened to "out" you?
- » Repeatedly criticized or put you down?
- » Threatened you, your friends, family, or pets?
- » Prevented you from receiving medical care?
- » Pushed you, hit you, or held you down?
- » Called you names, made hurtful remarks?
- » Forced you to have sex in unwanted ways or against your will?
- » Followed you, continuously called or texted you, or sent unwanted messages?
- » Controlled your use of a cell phone or other technology?

## YOU ARE NOT ALONE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

*24 Hour Hotlines: Counselors are queer affirmative*

### NYS DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE HOTLINE

1-800-942-6906

### CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE HAVEN HOUSE

716-884-6000

### PRIDE CENTER OF WNY (9A-5P ONLY)

716-852-PRIDE (7433)

