

Domestic Violence is an epidemic It can happen in all families

- 1 in 4 LGBT individuals are battered by their partner.
- 25-33% of LGBT experience partner abuse at the same rate as heterosexual couples.
- Same-sex battering mirrors heterosexual battering, but victims receive fewer protections from the violence.
- Approximately 23% of men, who had lived with a man as a couple, reported being raped, physically assaulted, and/or stalked by a male cohabitant.

The Shelter programs do not discriminate based on sexual orientation, race, age, gender, citizenship, religion, physical or mental ability, or language.



If you are being abused by your partner...
you are not responsible for your partner's
violent behavior.

You have a right to a safe and healthy relationship!

Remember, leaving an abusive partner
without a safety plan can be dangerous
and possibly life threatening.

Things to consider when safety planning:

- Store cash in a secret place where you can easily access it.
- Keep an extra set of keys in a safe place (friend/neighbor), in case you need to leave quickly.
- Store important documents in a safe place for you and your children such as birth certificates, passports, health insurance cards, photo IDs, checkbook, medication, social security cards, etc.

The Shelter is pleased to provide accommodations, including American Sign Language interpreters, assistive listening devices, alternative formats of printed materials and real-time captioning upon request for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or are living with disabilities. To ensure accommodations, please make your request two weeks prior to the event: info@naplesshelter.org, 239.775.3862/TTY 239.775.4265.

LGBT

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
Domestic Violence**



Domestic violence...

doesn't discriminate

and neither do we.



24-Hour Crisis Line: 239.775.1101

Admin & Counseling:

239.775.3862

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TTY: 7754265

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Domestic Violence is about Power and Control.

- Domestic violence is not only physical; it includes coercion, isolation, intimidation, sexual, verbal, financial and psychological abuse.
- Domestic violence happens regardless of race, class, age, ability, education, politics, religion, ethnicity and sexual orientation.
- Domestic violence has nothing to do with sex roles or physical appearance. A batterer can be masculine, feminine, large, small, short or tall.
- Domestic violence is never the victim's fault.
- Domestic violence is a crime.



Special Issues of Domestic Violence in the LGBT Community

- Threats to "out" the victim
- Failure to recognize they are victims of domestic violence.
- Denial and isolation in the LGBT community.
- Lack of accessible and sensitive services.
- Fear of losing custody of children.
- Reinforcing fears that no one will help a partner because s/he is LGBT.
- Portraying the violence as mutual and even consensual.

IF THESE SIGNS DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP, HELP IS HERE



Programs and Services

- Confidential 24-Hour Crisis Line (239) 775-1101
- 60-Bed Emergency Shelter
- Advocacy and Counseling
- Court and Legal Advocacy
- Support Groups
- Direct Assistance
- Healing Arts
- Transitional Housing
- Youth primary prevention programming
- Economic Empowerment
- Information & Referrals

ALL SERVICES ARE
FREE OF CHARGE

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