



Prevalence in LGBTQ+ Relationships

- 44% of lesbian women and 61% of bisexual women experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime
- 26% of gay men and 37% of bisexual men experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime
- At least 30% or more of transgender people experience intimate partner violence at some point in their lifetime

SafeNet
Domestic Violence Safety Network

LGBTQ+

SafeNet 24/7 Crisis Hotline (814) 454-8161

Call our confidential hotline number anytime, 24/7 for emergency help, shelter, support or counseling. You can also come to SafeNet's Offices at 1702 French St.

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1702 French St. Erie, PA 16501
814-455-1774 TTY: 1-800-654-5984
www.SafeNetErie.org

Weekdays from 8:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.



Domestic
Violence
does not
discriminate.



One in three women report physical abuse by an intimate partner at some point in their lives. This same rate of abuse also occurs in same-sex relationships. Abuse can happen in any relationship — between couples who are married, living together or even teenagers in dating experiences

Staying Safe

- Know how to contact local resources such as SafeNet 454-8161
- Tell someone you trust and be prepared to ask for help
- Change your locks if they have a key or make sure your doors and windows lock
- Switch up your normal routine such as which grocery store you go to

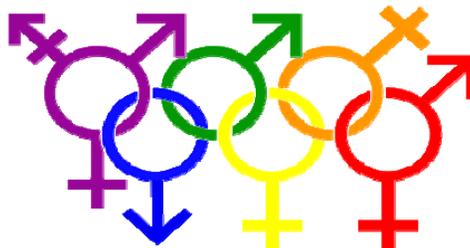
What does abuse look like?

- Calling you names or putting you down
- Threatening to “out” you to friends and family
- Pushing, hitting, shoving, or choking
- Yelling belligerently
- Forcing you to have sex
- Giving you an allowance or not letting you work

What are the red flags?

Warning signs or “red flags” are present, even early in a relationship. They may include:

- Push for early involvement
- Jealousy
- Blames others for their problems
- Has past history of violence
- Tries to control what you wear, who you talk to, or how you spend your time
- Minimizes your thoughts, beliefs, or goals



We can help.

SafeNet is available 24/7 to help. It’s our mission to provide you with the tools you need to stay safe and reclaim your life. All services are free and confidential.

Emergency Shelter. We provide confidential, safe, short term emergency housing available 24/7.

Counseling and Advocacy. SafeNet’s counseling and advocacy services focus on safety planning — including physical, emotional and psychological safety.

Legal Representation. SafeNet provides attorney representation for Protection from Abuse Orders and other legal issues resulting from the abusive relationship.

Children’s Programs. We help to broaden a child’s network of support offering activities and counseling in both residential and community-based programs.

Education and Training. SafeNet provides training to police officers, health care workers, and education for schools and community groups.

Transitional Housing. SafeNet has two established transitional housing programs focused on establishing self-sufficiency and with a goal of obtaining safe, affordable, permanent housing.

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