

Statistics

People in the LBGTQI+ community are at a higher risk for sexual violence:

- 46% of lesbian women and 75% of bisexual women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime. (NISVS, 2010)
- 40% of gay men and 47% of bisexual men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime. (NISVS, 2010)
- 64% of transgender people will experience sexual violence in their lifetime. (Grant et al., 2011)
 - 40% reported being sexual assault more than once
 - 64% attempt suicide



Fears About Disclosure

Many victims of sexual assault are fearful about reporting or disclosing that assault. For LBGTQI+ survivor, there may be additional fears as well:

- Fear of being “outed” if they tell their family, friends or the police.
- Fear of homophobic or insensitive response in the criminal justice system and support systems.
- Having to educate the people that are supposed to be helping them
- Having fewer people to talk to
- Fear of being blamed for the sexual assault

How to help

85% of advocates reported having worked with an LBGTQI+ survivor who was denied services because of their sexual orientation (NCAVP)

- Believe the victim
- Do not discriminate or treat the person different because of their sexual orientation
- Respect their decisions and fight the urge to give advice
- Be a good listener

- Inform them of their options and community resources
- Offer unconditional support



You were never created
to live Depressed, Guilty,
Condemned, Ashamed or
Unworthy.

You were created to be
VICTORIOUS!

Sexual Violence in the in LGBTQI+ Community

Due to our culture not always accepting members of the LGBTQI+ community, they are at a greater risk for sexual assault by strangers.

Perpetrators may use it as a way to punish, humiliate, or “correct” someone for being LGBTQI+.

The rapist can be anyone – a family member, a friend, a date, a partner, a co-worker, a neighbor, or a stranger. If someone is raped specifically because of their sexual orientation, this is not only rape, but a hate crime as well.

The feelings of isolation after an assault are increased in the LGBTQI+ community. Many already feel isolated from the “mainstream” culture and do not have good support systems. Sexual Assault will just heighten that feeling of isolation. Some LGBTQI+ survivors also feel a sense of vulnerability or that they are being punished for being “different”.

National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
Online chat at rainn.org
24 hours every day (RAINN)

Arkansas Coalition Against
Sexual Assault

P.O. Box 3837 Little Rock, AR 72203
501-246-3276
1-866-63-ACASA (22272)

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