

## LGBTQ Later Life Intimate Partner Violence

### Barriers to Acknowledgement

- Typical definition of domestic violence = men's violence against female partners
- Above is part of reason LGBTQ groups tend to talk about 'intimate partner violence' instead
- No widespread data collection on LGBTQ populations
- Elder generations tend to be more private & self-sufficient, particularly if LGBTQ
- Elder generations tend to believe DV/IPV is just to be endured
- Victims' reluctance to get abusers into trouble/expose them to authorities
- Professionals not recognizing same-sex IPV, particularly if they are looking at "roommates"

### National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (2013)

#### Lifetime IPV rates:

- 61% bisexual women
- 44% lesbians
- 37% bisexual men
- 35% heterosexual women
- 29% heterosexual men
- 26% gay men

## Resources

### Learning more

A Self-Help Guide for LGBT Older Adults and Their Caregivers and Loved Ones: Preventing, Recognizing, and Addressing Elder Abuse

<http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resource.cfm?r=584>

(includes LGBT-specific abuse tactics and prevention recommendations for both elders and concerned adults; also discusses key aging network resources)

Identifying and Assisting LGBT Elder Abuse Clients: A Guide for Abuse Professionals

<http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resource.cfm?r=583>

(includes LGBTQ 101)

LGBTQ Partner Abuse

<http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resource.cfm?r=595>

(not aging specific)

LGBT elder-specific sweetheart scams

<http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org/resources/resource.cfm?r=784>

LGBTQ-specific tools

Trans-specific Safety Planning Tool

<http://forge-forward.org/wp-content/docs/safety-planning-tool.pdf>

(publication is aimed at trans survivors but would be a useful guide for anyone)

Trans-specific Power and Control Tactics

[http://forge-forward.org/wp-content/docs/power-control-tactics-categories\\_FINAL.pdf](http://forge-forward.org/wp-content/docs/power-control-tactics-categories_FINAL.pdf)

Finding services

National Domestic Violence Hotline

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

(800) 799-7233

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life Directory

<http://www.ncall.us/ncall-abuse-in-later-life-directory/>

(directory of services still does not indicate whether services are available to men)

National Coalition of [LGBTQ] Anti-Violence Programs

<http://www.avp.org/about-avp/423>

Victims' rights

New rights under the Violence Against Women Act

<http://forge-forward.org/wp-content/docs/know-your-rights-VAWA-fact-sheet.pdf>

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