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SEXUAL ASSAULT, PARTNER VIOLENCE AND STALKING

Norse Violence Prevention Center



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If you've experienced sexual assault, partner violence, or stalking, know – first and foremost – that what happened is not your fault. You deserve safety and respect, always. You may be experiencing a wide range of feelings such as shock, fear, disbelief, recurring memories, outrage, confusion, sadness, despair, and anger. All of your feelings are valid. Whether you tell someone, who you tell, and how you tell your story is entirely your decision. Regardless of what you decide, there are many people at NVP Center who are committed to helping you.

Barriers to Reporting

- A sense of invisibility in service systems - no mention of LGBTQ partner abuse in most outreach materials.
- Judgment or homo/bi/transphobia on the part of service providers, or a fear of this type of discrimination.
- No screening, which results in a lack of safety and the possibility of the abuser accessing services.
- Staff outing LGBTQ survivors to program participants or other providers.
- Allowing staff or other participants to harass or insult LGBTQ people with no accountability.
- Refusing services on the basis of actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation.
- No knowledge of LGBTQ communities by service providers.

NKU defines Relationship Violence as: Acts, threats or a pattern of abusive behavior of a physical or sexual nature by one partner intended to control, intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, frighten, coerce or injure the other. These acts may be directed toward a spouse, an ex-spouse, a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend, or a current or former dating partner.

NKU defines Sexual Assault as: Sexual assault can be defined as any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs by force or without the other person's consent. Falling under the definition of sexual assault is sexual activity such as forced sexual intercourse, sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. It includes sexual acts against people who are unable to consent either due to age or lack of capacity.

NKU defines Stalking as: Stalking can be defined as a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear or suffer substantial emotional distress.

Understanding Consent

NKU defines Consent as: Consent is clear, knowing and voluntary. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Verbal consent is not a requirement of this policy, however, consent may be given by words as long as those words create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in sexual activity.

Consent to any one form of sexual activity cannot alone imply consent to any other forms of sexual activity. Previous relationships or prior consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts.

What should I do if I'm being abused?

It's important to know that violence/abuse is not likely to stop on its own -- episodes of violence usually become more frequent and more severe.

- Talk to someone you trust. It is important to break the silence.
- If you decide to leave the relationship, you may want to develop a safety plan. A safety plan can include asking a trusted friend for help, choosing a safe place to stay, and collecting money, emergency phone numbers and a bag of clothes so you can leave quickly (staff in the NVP Center can help you with developing a safety plan in our office).
- Seek help and resources from Norse Violence Prevention Center. You can ask to speak with an advocate who is knowledgeable about partner abuse and has experience working with the LGBTQ community.

How can I help my friend or partner

- If you believe your friend or partner who has been sexually assaulted/raped – it is very uncommon for individuals to create false story of being raped
- Respect their need for confidentiality
- Avoid judgmental comments/jokes
- Ask how you can be of assistance rather than giving them advice
- Offer your unconditional love and support
- By finding other sources of support

Statistics

- 1 in 3 same sex relationships experience relationship violence
- 64% of transgender and gender non-conforming people were the victims of sexual assault
- Approximately 1 in 8 lesbian women (13%), nearly half of bisexual women (46%), and 1 in 6 heterosexual women (17%) have been raped in their lifetime.
- 4 in 10 gay men (40%), nearly half of bisexual men (47%) and 1 in 5 heterosexual men (21%) have experienced sexual violence other than rape in their lifetime.

Norse Violence Prevention Center

The Norse Violence Prevention (NVP) Center provides confidential advocacy and assistance to university students who are affected by sexual misconduct, sexual violence, partner violence and stalking. The NVP center strives to assist survivors identify which choices make the most sense for them. Some of the things the NVP Center can help you with:

- Reporting procedures
- Hospital advocacy
- Court advocacy
- Safety planning
- Obtaining a no contact order
- Counseling resources, on or off campus
- Legal options
- Academic accommodations
- Housing accommodations
- Others, based on situation

To schedule an appointment, please call the Norse Violence Prevention Center at 859.572.5865 or stop by the center on the third floor of the Student Union, room 304. For more information about the NVP Center, please visit: nvp.nku.edu or e-mail us at nvp@nku.edu

LGBTQ Programs and Services

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Programs & Services Office was created in the summer of 2013. As part of the Office of Student Affairs, we are committed to offering programs and services to increase visibility, awareness, and advocacy for LGBTQ students, staff, and faculty at Northern Kentucky University.

We are located in the Student Union, Suite 309 with the African-American Programs and Services and Latino Programs and Services offices.

For more information and support, NKU students can contact Gabby Molony in the Norse Violence Prevention Center at 859.572-5865 for a confidential meeting to discuss options available to promote your safety.

If you or someone you know is being stalked contact the Norse Violence Prevention Center at nvp@nku.edu, or come to our center located on the third floor of the Student Union, room 304.

NKU RESOURCES

- 1. Norse Violence Prevention Program**
Student Union, room 304
PHONE 859-572-5685
E-MAIL nvp@nku.edu
WEB nvp.nku.edu
- 2. LGBTQ Programs & Services**
Student Union, room 309
PHONE 859-572-5835
WEB lgbtq.nku.edu
- 3. Health, Counseling and Student Wellness**
University Center, room 440
PHONE 859-572-5650
E-MAIL hcsw@nku.edu
WEB hcsw.nku.edu
- 4. University Police**
EMERGENCY CONTACT 859-572-7777
NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT 859-572-5500
WEB police.nku.edu
- 5. Office of Student Conduct, Rights and Advocacy**
Student Union, room 301
PHONE 859-572-5147
E-MAIL jamesa3@nku.edu
WEB scra.nku.edu

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- 1. Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO)**
PO Box 82068
Columbus, Ohio 43202
PHONE Cincinnati Chapter 513-453-4001
WEB www.bravo-ohio.org
- 2. The YWCA**
898 Walnut St. Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
PHONE 513-241-7090
WEB ywcacincinnati.org
- 3. Abuse & Rape Crisis Center**
27 N. East St. Lebanon, Ohio 45036
PHONE 513-695-1107
WEB arcsHELTER.com
- 4. Women's Crisis Center (WCC)**
836 Madison Ave. Covington, Kentucky 41011
PHONE 859-491-3335
WEB wccky.org
- 5. Heartland Trans Wellness Group**
6566 Montgomery Rd. Suite 211
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213
PHONE 513-549-4447
E-MAIL info@transwellness.org
WEB www.transwellness.org

NATIONAL RESOURCES

GLBT National Help Center

1-888-843-4564

WEB gltbnationalhelpcenter.org/

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) National Help Center, founded in 1996, is a non-profit organization that provides vital peer-support, community connections and resource information to people with questions regarding sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

GLBTQ Domestic Violence Project

1-800-832-1901

Provides free and confidential support and services for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer survivors of domestic and sexual violence. They work with victims and survivors to increase safety, security, and foster empowerment through direct services, education, and advocacy.

The Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project

955 Massachusetts Ave.

PMB 131 Cambridge, MA 02139

24-Hour Emergency Hotline 1-800-832-1901

Client Services 617-779-2136

Sexual Assault Services 617-779-2127

This grassroots, nonprofit organization provides community education and direct services for clients. GMDVP offers shelter, guidance and resources to allow gay, bisexual and transgender men in crisis to leave violent situations and relationships. Located in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Network/La Red

PHONE 617-423-SAFE

(Hotline in English and Spanish)

This program offers free services in English and Spanish for lesbians, bisexual women and transgender people who are victims of battering. These services include a hotline, emergency shelter and advocacy programs. Located in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Polaris

P.O. Box 65323 Washington, DC 200035

PHONE 202-745-1001

Polaris, named after the North Star that guided slaves to freedom in the U.S., disrupts the conditions that allow human trafficking to thrive in our society. From working with government leaders to protect victims' rights, to building partnerships with the world's leading technology corporations, we spark long-term change that focuses communities on identifying, reporting and eliminating trafficking networks. Our comprehensive model puts victims at the center of all that we do – helping survivors restore their freedom, preventing more victims, and gathering the data to pursue traffickers wherever they operate.

The Trevor Project

24-Hour Hotline 866-488-7386

WEB thetrevorproject.org

Founded in 1998 by the creators of the Academy Award®-winning short film *TREVOR*, The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24.

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