

# INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE AROUND INTIMATE PARTNER SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## Language Issues

Although intimate partner sexual violence (IPSV) is the most common term used to describe this type of violence, it is important to situate discussions of IPSV within a context that recognizes survivors' diverse experiences, that does not overlook the root causes of violence, and that does not produce or reproduce messages that minimize acts of violence. This newsletter uses the term

IPSV but recognizes that it is viewed as limiting or problematic by some.

An agreed upon common language and definition helps efforts to recognize and name this violence and to advance research and practice.

The following terms are also used to refer to IPSV:

