

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:

- Co-occurrence of Physical & Sexual Violence
- Control of Reproductive & Sexual Health by an Intimate Partner
- Intimate Partner Rape
- Dual Perpetration
- Marital rape
- Sexually Abusive & Controlling Acts
- Dating Partner Co-victimization
- Intersection of Sexual & Domestic Violence
- Simultaneous Victimization
- Domestic Sexual Assault
- Intimate Partner Sexual Violence
- Unwanted Sexual Contact
- Wife rape
- Sexual Coercion
- Poly-victimization
- Sexual Assault in the context of an Intimate Relationship
- Date Rape
- Intimate Sexual Violence
- Intimate Partner Sexual Assault
- Partner Rape
- Dating Violence
- Sexual Aggression
- Date Rape/Violence