

LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LBT) WOMEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS

As in other relationships, violence and abuse occurs in same sex relationships, and like other abusive relationships, the issue is about maintaining power and control.

LBT women can face particular difficulties in accessing assistance. The history of criminalization of same sex relationships makes LBT victims reluctant to access protection through an institution known to have persecuted and stigmatized them.

While they may face physical, sexual or emotional abuse, or the threat of violence, they may fear additional threats such as outing. Outing is the revealing or threat of revealing one's sexual orientation or gender identity to friends, family, co-workers, landlords, etc.

SERVICES:

1. Three Oaks Foundation
2. Sexual Assault Centre for Quinte & District

For More Information on Abuse in LBT Relationships, See:

Ellyn Kaschik (2002) *Intimate Betrayal – Domestic Violence in Lesbian Relationships*, Hawthorn Press.