

INTIMATE PARTNER ABUSE DID YOU KNOW?

- 25% of women say they have experienced physical or verbal abuse from an intimate partner.
- 8% of men say they have experienced physical or verbal abuse from an intimate partner.
- Intimate partner abuse happens among approximately 25 - 33% of couples.
- Intimate partner abuse happens in gay relationships at the same rate that it happens in straight relationships.
- Restricting movements or social contacts, verbal harassment, intimidation and threatening personal possessions or loved ones are all forms of intimate partner abuse.
- HIV status can be used to control or humiliate someone as a part of domestic violence and intimate partner abuse.
- Not allowing access to medications, devaluing someone because of his HIV status, not allowing access to financial resources, and not allowing an HIV-positive partner to access regular medical care are all ways abusers use hiv to abuse HIV-positive intimate partners.
- Forcing unprotected sex on a partner is a form of partner abuse.
- Threatening to disclose the hiv status or sexual orientation of a partner to work, family or other parties is a form of intimate partner abuse.
- If you are experiencing intimate partner abuse you have legal rights and resources to make it stop. Talk to your APLA Mental Health professional or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

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