

THE NATIONAL LGBTQ TASK FORCE & CDC REPORT

- 64% of transgender individuals report experiencing sexual assault 46% of bisexual women report experiencing rape
- 40% of gay men and 47% of bisexual men report experiencing sexual violence other than rape
- 44% of lesbian women report experiencing rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner

LGBTQ+ victims may also experience bias from law enforcement and medial professionals



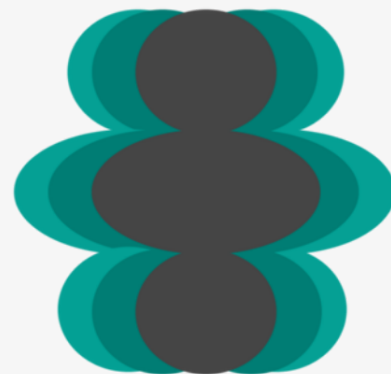
We believe all survivors deserve to be treated with respect & dignity. If you believe you have been discriminated against or refused services based on your sexual orientation or identity, we want to help.

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SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY



WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Sexual violence means that someone forces or manipulates someone else into unwanted sexual activity without their consent.

- Rape or sexual assault, including intimate partner.
- Unwanted sexual contact or touching

WHAT IS A MLE

A **M**edical **L**egal **E**xam or rape kit is an exam by specially trained nurse practitioners which collects possible DNA evidence, and provides important medical care. You do not have to file a police report in order to receive a MLE.



SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ SURVIVORS



- **Believe them, listen to them, validate their feelings and use language that affirms their sexual orientation or gender identity.**
- **Do NOT question why they did or did not do something. This can make survivors feel as if they are to blame.**



BARRIERS TO REPORTING:

- **Reluctance to disclose their sexual orientation or gender identity. Sexual assault results in a loss of control over one's body. Being outed without true consent leads to additional feelings of loss of control.**
- **Victims of sexual assault are not required to report their assault to law enforcement. Whether or not you report the assault, you still have the right to free medical care under Tennessee law.**