

# TERMINOLOGY

# SEXUAL ORIENTATION

<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	An individual's sexual orientation is independent of their gender identity
<b>Lesbian</b>	A woman who is emotionally/physically attracted to a woman
<b>Gay</b>	A person who is emotionally/physically attracted to same sex/gender
<b>Bisexual</b>	A person who is emotionally/physically attracted to women/men/any gender
<b>Queer</b>	A term people often use to express a spectrum of identities and orientations that are counter to the mainstream
<b>Two Spirit</b>	An Indigenous person who identifies as having "masculine and feminine" spirits, and is used by some to describe their sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or spiritual identity
<b>Asexual</b>	A complete or partial lack of sexual attraction/ lack of interest in sexual activity with others
<b>Pansexual</b>	Describes someone who has the potential for emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to people of any gender

## Helpful Reminders

These are only a handful of terms, you may meet people who identify differently.

If you are unsure, ask a question to clarify.

Being respectful helps people feel safe.