

# Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

## versus

# Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

IPV	GBV
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Occurs within intimate relationships.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can occur in any setting (community, workplace, online, home).</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not all IPV is gender-motivated.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Always rooted in gender inequality and power dynamics.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Often involves patterns of control and domination within a relationship.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Encompasses structural, societal, and systemic drivers of violence.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A subset of GBV when it is gender-motivated.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Umbrella term that includes IPV.</li></ul>

### Key Points to Remember:

- IPV refers to violence within an intimate relationship, past or present.
- It can include psychological abuse, coercive control, stalking, technological abuse, physical and sexual violence, or economic control.
- IPV can impact people of all genders, but disproportionately affects women and gender-diverse individuals.
- GBV is a broader systemic category.
- GBV includes any form of violence driven by gender norms, gender inequality, or patriarchal power structures.
- GBV includes IPV, but also sexual violence by non-partners, workplace harassment, trafficking, online hate, homophobic or transphobic violence, and femicide.
- Not all IPV is automatically GBV, although most IPV impacting women is rooted in gendered power imbalances. However, IPV between partners of the same gender may not always be gender-motivated, which is why distinguishing terms matters.
- The distinction helps with policy, resource allocation, and preparing interventions.
- GBV requires societal and cultural change; IPV intervention often focuses on relational dynamics, risk assessment, and safety planning.



**IPV is about the relationship context; GBV is about the gendered power context.**

**When IPV is driven by gender inequality, it becomes a form of GBV,  
but GBV extends far beyond intimate relationships.**