



Reproductive Coercion

Reproductive coercion is a specific type of abuse that one person in a relationship chooses to use as a way to control and manipulate the other person. There are a variety of ways reproductive coercion may show up.

- Refusing to wear a condom
- Preventing use of other birth control methods
- Intentionally breaking/removing a condom (also known as stealthing)
- Lying about birth control methods
- Monitoring partner's menstrual cycles without their knowledge or permission
- Forcing pregnancy/preventing abortion
- Intentionally becoming pregnant against wishes of their partner
- Forcing partner to end pregnancy/get an abortion
- Pressuring, guilt, shaming, or threatening partner about their decision to have or not have children
- Replacing, tampering with, or destroying a sexual partner's birth control pills or other methods of birth control

If you believe you or someone you know is experiencing reproductive coercion, or any other forms of abuse from a current or former intimate partner, contact MSU Safe Place for information and support.

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