



Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse 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 sexual abuse may show up.

- Forcing partner to dress in a sexual way, or in a way that makes them uncomfortable
- Using sexualized insults/explicit names to harm their partner
- Forcing partner to have sex/perform sexual acts
- Nonconsensual restraining
- Manipulating partner to have sex/perform sexual acts
- Involving others in sexual acts without consent
- Ignoring partner's feelings surrounding sex
- Intentionally attempting to give their partner an STI
- Initiating sexual contact when their partner is incapacitated from drugs or alcohol, unconscious, asleep, or otherwise unable to give clear and informed consent
- Hurting partner with weapons or objects during sex/sexual acts
- Forcing partner to watch or make pornography

If you believe you or someone you know is experiencing sexual abuse, 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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