



# Sexual Coercion

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*Sexual 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 sexual coercion may show up.*

- Manipulating partner to have sex/perform sexual acts
- Implying partner owes them sexual acts
- Giving drugs or alcohol to incapacitate
- Continuing to ask for sexual acts after being told "no"
- Using relationship as leverage to manipulate their partner into sexual acts
- Emotional reactions to being told "no"
- Intimidating partner to engage in sexual acts
- Threatening to end the relationship or spread rumors if their partner doesn't have sex with them
- Making partner feel like it's too late to say no/change mind about sex
- Threatening to expose personal details such as gender identity or immigration status when told "no" to sex/sexual acts

***If you believe you or someone you know is experiencing sexual 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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