Most romantic and family relationships are loving, respectful, and safe- but some can be violent, controlling, or abusive

Sometimes these behaviours are subtle and can be difficult to identify on their own, but when they are repeated, they start to form a pattern of coercive control

Coercive control can happen to anyone and in any kind of relationship. Coercive control can look different for LGBTIQA+ people, where their identity can be weaponised to create fear, shame and isolation

Coercive control is a crime. If you or someone you know is experiencing intimate partner violence, help is available.

CONTACT US

If you've been impacted by any of these issues, contact the LGBTI Legal Service for free legal help and connections to other supports

The LGBTI Legal Service provides free legal services, resources and education for the LGBTIQA+SB community

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COERCIVE CONTROL

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN LGBTIQA+ RELATIONSHIPS

Getting Legal Help

If you are in immediate danger, a court can issue a Temporary Protection Order. This is when a magistrate gives an order with conditions that a person must follow, or they are breaking the law. The order can prevent them from doing things like:

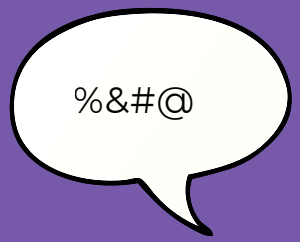
- committing further acts of domestic violence
- approaching you at home or work
- staying in a shared home
- approaching other people named in the order
- going to a child's school

If you decide to report to the police they can make a protection order on your behalf. If you decide not to report to the police you can apply for a protection order yourself. The LGBTI Legal Service can help you with this.

Reach out to a support service for:

- safety planning
- counselling
- crisis accommodation
- applications

Diverse Voices - 07 3111 6729
DV Connect Men's Line - 1800 600 636
DV Connect Women's Line - 1800 811 811

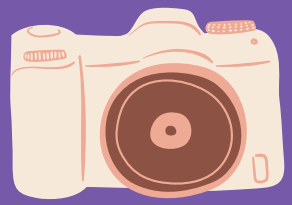


Threatening to out someone, or pressuring them to hide their identity

Using homophobic, biphobic, transphobic or endosexist slurs and insults

Dismissing or challenging bisexuality or previous hetero relationships

Telling them their religion or culture cannot align with their LGBTIQA+ identity

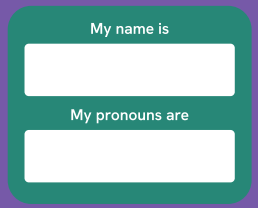


Isolating them from the LGBTIQA+ community

Threatening to share pre-transition or private images that could out them

Pressuring them to look/act more masculine or feminine, or less gay

Controlling gender affirming healthcare eg withholding medication



Pressuring intersex people to undergo medical "sex-normalisation"

Deadnaming and using the wrong pronouns