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Assisting Male Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse

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Featured Host



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What are the current statistics for the estimated frequency of domestic and sexual violence involving male victims?



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Current Statistics

Male Victims of Sexual Violence

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime
 - NCADV. (2015). *Domestic violence national statistics*. Retrieved from www.ncadv.org.
- 16% of males (=1 in 6) are sexually abused by the age of 18
 - U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (2005 study)



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Current Statistics

Male Victims of Sexual Violence

- Adult males constituted 38% of incidents of rape and sexual assault among a survey sample of 40,000 households
 - 2016 National Crime Victimization Survey
- Only 23% of all rapes and sexual assaults are reported to police. The frequency of reporting by males is less.
 - 2016 National Crime Victimization Survey



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Current Statistics

Sexual & Gender Diverse

Male Victims of Sexual Violence

- CDC's 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey revealed:
 - 26% of gay men and 37% of bisexual men experience rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner, compared to 29% of heterosexual men
 - 40% of gay men and 47% of bisexual men have experienced sexual violence other than rape, compared to 21% of heterosexual men



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Current Statistics

Sexual & Gender Diverse

Male Victims of Sexual Violence

- The 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey found that 47% of transgender people are sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime.
- Rate of sexual assault among transgender people of color—
 - American Indian (65%)
 - multiracial (59%)
 - Middle Eastern (58%)
 - Black (53%)



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Why are the statistics about domestic violence and sexual trauma lower regarding male victims as compared to female victims?



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There are a number of myths about sexual violence involving male victims. What information can you provide to help debunk the most significant of these myths?



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A 3-part question:

What things should providers be observant about when assessing for male sexual violence?

What are some disguised clues?

What are some of the ways that male sexual trauma survivors differ from female survivors?



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What approaches and interview techniques are helpful for building rapport with male survivors of sexual violence?



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Can you outline the best practices that are most important to use to assist this population?



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How do cultural issues—race, ethnicity, religion, ideology, etc.—influence working with male survivors?



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What are some useful resources for male survivors of sexual violence?



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Organizational Resource



Weekends of Recovery / Days of Recovery

MenHealing.org



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Organizational Resources

- 1-in-6
 - 1-in-6.org
- RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)
 - RAINN.org
- SNAP (Survivors Network for Those Abused By Priests)
 - SNAP.org
- MaleSurvivor
 - MaleSurvivor.org



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Resource Books

- Fradkin, Howard. (2012). ***Joining Forces: Empowering Male Survivors to Thrive***. New York: Harcourt.
- Gartner, R. B. (2005). ***Beyond Betrayal: Taking Charge of Your Life After Boyhood Sexual Abuse***. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
- Gartner, Richard. (2017). ***Healing Sexually Betrayed Men and Boys: Treatment for Sexual Abuse, Assault, and Trauma***. New York, NY: Routledge.
 - Struve, Jim, and Fradkin, Howard. ***Empowering Male Survivors to Heal Through Community and Peer Connections***.
- Gartner, Richard. (2017). ***Understanding the Sexual Betrayal of Boys and Men: the Trauma of Sexual Abuse***. New York, NY: Routledge.
 - Struve, Jim, Fradkin, Howard, and Beckstead, Lee. ***Beyond the Gay/Straight Binary: Gender &/or Sexually Diverse Male Survivors***.
- Hunter, Mic (1989). ***Abused Boys: The Neglected Victims of Sexual Abuse***. New York, NY: Lexington Books.



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Male survivors seem to access help at a lesser frequency than female survivors. What are some ways that providers and agencies can improve outreach to male survivors?



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What about working with male survivors in group modalities?



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