

INTIMATE PARTNER SEXUAL VIOLENCE POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

Variations of the power and control wheel from Duluth are often used to illustrate some of the behaviours that constitute domestic violence (DV).

However, the sexual violence (SV) component, which may be experienced with or without physical violence, is often described in general terms rather than specific behaviours. The SV component needs to be “unpacked” enough for women to consider a range of sexually abusive behaviours that might be occurring and actually name these as IPSV. These are described in the spokes of the power and control wheel.

Because IPSV is largely invisible, it is useful for workers to ask a range of behavioural questions to identify and explicitly name IPSV.



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