Intimate Partner Sexual Violence (IPSV) is the forcing, or attempt at forcing, a partner to take part in a sex act, sexual touching, or a non-physical sexual event when the partner does not, or cannot, consent. Sexual violence in a relationship often occurs alongside other forms of abusive behavior, including physical and emotional abuse.

IPSV in Maryland:
- It’s estimated that 585,000 Maryland women and 158,000 Maryland men experience rape or contact sexual violence victimization by an intimate partner each year.

IPSV in the US:
- 33% of rapes are perpetrated by a current or former intimate partner.
- 40% to 45% of individuals in an abusive relationship will also be sexually assaulted by their partner.
- 1 in 10 women residing in the U.S. have been raped by an intimate partner and 17% of women have experienced some form of intimate partner sexual assault other than rape.
- 8% of men residing in the U.S. reported experiencing intimate partner sexual violence.
- 75% percent of women in domestic violence shelters reported experiencing at least 1 act of IPSV during the past year.
- Bisexual women experience higher rates of lifetime IPSV than heterosexual women (22.1% vs 9.1%).
- Women who are sexually assaulted by an intimate partner report more risk factors for murder by that intimate partner than women in an abusive relationship that does not include sexual violence.

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