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For a long time, bisexual women have been a more vulnerable population in comparison to heterosexual and lesbian women. In order to understand this vulnerability, we must address bisexual stigma before sexual violence happens.

Bisexual stigma is a significant predictor of lifelong sexual violence.

Perpetrated by both

hetero & homosexual

SV experiences occurred more

Against plurisexual folks

Plurisexual: sexual or romantic attraction to more than one sex.

Bisexual stigma is also a significant predictor of being victim to verbal coercion.

2.5x more likely

to report VC, when

experiencing stigmas

from hetero folks.

Verbal Coercion: psychological pressure to engage in sexual acts

Bisexual folks are less likely to report SA and SV to police.

Fear of shaming.

Fear of not being believed.

Higher rates than lesbian women.

Compared to other plurisexual groups.

SA: Sexual assault  
SV: Sexual violence

Bisexual folks are less likely to access STD/sexual health care.

Fear of shaming.

Not as accessible.

Compared to other plurisexual groups.