Sexual Coercion

Sexual coercion is a specific type of abuse that one person in a relationship chooses to use as a way to control and manipulate the other person. There are a variety of ways sexual coercion may show up.

- Using relationship as leverage to manipulate their partner into sexual acts
- Emotional reactions to being told "no"
- Intimidating partner to engage in sexual acts
- Threatening to end the relationship or spread rumors if their partner doesn’t have sex with them
- Making partner feel like it’s too late to say no/change mind about sex
- Threatening to expose personal details such as gender identity or immigration status when told "no" to sex/sexual acts

If you believe you or someone you know is experiencing sexual coercion, or any other forms of abuse from a current or former intimate partner, contact MSU Safe Place for information and support.