



## Law Enforcement Guide to Addressing Sexual Violence in the LGBTQ+ Community

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The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) created a resource to enhance law enforcement's understanding of and response to sexual violence in LGBTQ+ communities. The considerations presented encourage the proactive implementation of agency policy and prevention efforts.

### Communities

Law enforcement  
LGBTQ2I  
Survivors

### Products

Research: Responding to Sexual Violence in LGBTQ+ Communities: Law Enforcement Strategies and Consideration tool

### System:

Criminal justice

### Level:

National



### Enhance Partnerships

IACP worked with a multidisciplinary group of subject matter experts representing law enforcement, victim advocates, and members of national organizations to identify promising practices.



### Provide Resources

Created and distributed: Responding to Sexual Violence in LGBTQ+ Communities: Law Enforcement Strategies and Consideration tool.

Additionally, the creation of several policy-related considerations. Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to review and update all policies and procedures that might affect interactions with individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ to ensure they are up-to-date and present promising practices, as well as review all internal agency non-discrimination policies to ensure they include sexual orientation, and gender identity and expression.



### Raise Awareness

The strategies and considerations tool was posted to the IACP webpage, as well as posted on social media via Twitter and blog, sent to all IACP members via email, and featured in Police Chief Magazine.

### What's next:

The IACP remains committed to helping guide officers and other ranks to support members of LGBTQ+ communities. This document may require to be updated to ensure the resource is timely and continues to present the most relevant information and promising practices.

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