Gender-based violence (GBV) is understood as violence that results in physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering, based on a person’s gender, where coercion, or arbitrary deprivations of freedom occurs in public or private life.

Gender is complex and a multi-level cultural construct structured by intersecting identities. GBV occurs in Utah, from campus to the broader community, taking the form of incidents and patterns of violence toward intimate (or ex) partners, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, abuse, and human trafficking.

The creation of a consortium is a central strategy to engage communities to improve health and quality of life through research, knowledge creation and information sharing. The Gender-Based Violence Consortium is an interprofessional collaboration, a campus scholarly network that embodies an academic commitment to sharing knowledge, supporting longterm collaborations through research hubs, creating programming, sharing teaching, and responding to gender-based violence in Utah.

The University of Utah’s Gender-Based Violence Consortium vision will increase public recognition of GBV, deepen public knowledge of GBV and violence through research innovation and collaboration, create research communities, and acilitate teaching innovation regarding GBV.

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