

Hostile Environments for GLBTQ+ Students & Health Risk

<u>Hostile Environment</u>	<u>Possible Psycho-Social Responses</u>	<u>Consequences for LGBT Student Behavior</u>
	(Potential Experience Felt by LGBTQ+ Students)	<u>Students LESS Likely to</u>
Homophobia	Depression	Be open and honest relating with others
Incidences of Hate, Intolerance, Violence	Chronic Stress/Anxiety	See one's long-term health as a priority
Lack of Visible Support, Protection	Fear	Seek out information
	Shame (internalized homophobia), low self-respect, low self-esteem	Seek out and connect with open, "out", healthy role models
	Invisibility	Seek health Care
	Isolation - (psychological homelessness) split or cut off from self and others	Be open and honest with health care provider about one's sexual orientation, risk behaviors
	Lack of Hope	<u>Students MORE likely to</u>
	No Sense of Future	Seek immediate comfort, affirmation (the feel-good of dance, chemicals, sex)
	Lack of Self-efficacy (little belief in one's ability to manage or control one's own life)	Seek connection through secretive, risky means (go outside campus, quick and/or anonymous encounters)
	Lack of Trust in Authorities (administrators, faculty, health care providers, campus police) willingness or ability to help	Have sex in ways that don't respect whole person (less negotiation, no sense of consequences)
	Belief that safety and self-interest is best served by silence & nondisclosure	Seek sensation, thrill to feel alive (risky, edgy, shocking behavior)
		Engage in extreme efforts to gain immediate sense of control (disordered eating, self-harm)