



Queer Identity



Overview

This is a broad label for sexual and gender minorities. A person who is "queer" may also identify in other ways. Some say they are "lesbian," "gay" or "bisexual." Some feel they belong to some other group. And, some may not want to be labeled at all.

Terminology

The word "queer" has been used as a slur to hurt people. But it's a word that's been taken back by some people who share this identity. The "Q" in "LGBTQ" stands for "queer" (or "questioning"). Instead of saying "queer," some people say "genderqueer."

Diversity

People who identify as "queer" are diverse. They express themselves in different ways. Some are private. For others, being queer is a public part of who they are. Deciding how to identify and how to live is personal and complex. Every person must decide what's right for them.

Conclusion

For more info, reach out to a local LGBTQ organization. For help with issues involving queer identity, talk to your healthcare provider. You can also contact a support group.