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# In a stable or common law relationship

Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO)

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**Definition:** A relationship status where the individual has had the same partner for a significant length of time but is not in a legal union.

**Comment:** "Common law" relationship refers to a person who is living with another person as a couple but who is not in a legally recognised marriage or other civil union.

*This definition was imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (see <https://bciosearch.org/>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.*

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*Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.*

*Definitions also often require elaboration to make it clear how they should be used and what they include. In those cases we include a comment.*

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