

The Facts About Sexual Assault

- Anyone, male or female, can be a victim of sexual assault.
- It is estimated that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men will be raped in their lifetimes.
- 30% of rape victims are between the ages of 16 and 24.
- More than 80% of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.
- Rape is not a crime of passion; it is motivated by hostility, violence, power, and control.
- Rape is one of the most underreported crimes, especially among college-aged females.
- Sexual assault is a violation of another person's body. It affects not only the survivor, but everyone including the survivors' family and friends.
- Sexual assault is not the result of the way a person dresses or acts. It is the assailant who decides to assault another person.
- Research suggests a link between alcohol use and sexual assault.

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