

Sexual Assault Information

“Rape and sexual assault crimes are sudden, arbitrary and terrifying. These crimes happen to children, teenagers and adults. They occur in all neighborhoods and in many different types of situations. The assailant may be a stranger or someone the victim has known and trusted” (Taking Action Booklet, title page).

WHAT IS RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT?

“Rape is generally defined as forced or nonconsensual sexual intercourse. Sexual assault includes various types of unwanted sexual touching or penetration without consent” (Taking Action Booklet, page 2).

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

“One in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives. In eight out of 10 cases of rape, the victim knew the person who sexually assaulted them” (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Info and Stats).

Crime Reports

“Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to police” (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Info and Stats).

WHERE TO GET HELP

Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) or the Family Justice Center
14651 Oxnard Street
Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 787-9700



WHEN SHE DOESN'T WANT IT

sex without voluntary consent = sexual assault

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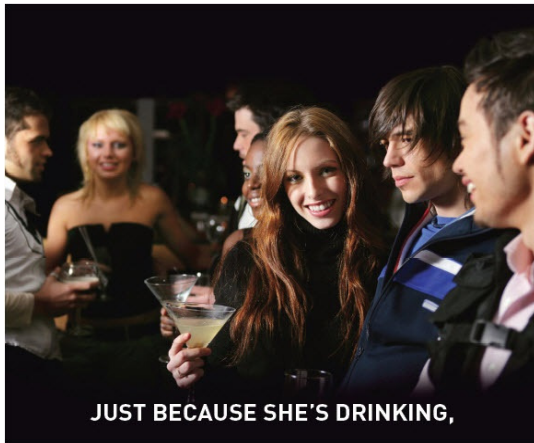
WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE RAPED OR SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

“Go to a safe place and call 911 immediately. Do not shower, bathe, douche, wash your hands, eat, drink or brush your teeth. Save all of the clothing you were wearing at the time of the assault in a paper bag. Do not disturb anything in the area where the assault occurred. Seek professional counseling, information, and legal assistance from a rape treatment center to help you deal with the consequences of the assault” (Taking Action Booklet, page 4).

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Always be aware of your surroundings. If something does not feel right, then mostly likely it is not right. Leave the area or the situation right away. Go to a public place where there are people or drive to a local police station.

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JUST BECAUSE SHE'S DRINKING,

DOESN'T MEAN SHE WANTS SEX.

sex without consent = sexual assault

DON'T BE THAT GUY.

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CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

"One in 5 women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college. More than 90% of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault" (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Info and Stats).

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Do not accept a drink from someone you don't trust. Watch your drink to ensure no one puts anything in it. If you are heavily intoxicated, it becomes extremely difficult to defend yourself against sexual assaults. Do not allow anyone you have met on the internet to pick you up from your residence. Meet at a public place. Tell someone about the meeting/date.



IT'S NOT SEX...

WHEN SHE'S PASSED OUT

sex with someone unable to consent = sexual assault

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WEAPONS

"Carrying weapons for self-defense is a decision that should not be made without careful research and adequate training. Also, there are many laws which regulate and/or restrict the types of self-defense weapons available. BE SAFE – for more information, contact your local law enforcement agency" (Preventing Sexual Assault Handout by the Office of the Attorney General).

Pepper Spray is legal to carry in the State of California as long as the container is equal to or below 2.5 ounces of aerosol spray. Practice retrieving the pepper spray from the location you will carry it. Realize that if you spray someone in self-defense, some of the spray may land on you due to wind conditions. So be prepared for the effects of the pepper spray.

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CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

“One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old. 34% of people who sexually abuse a child are family members. 96% of people who sexually abuse children are male, and 76.8% of people who sexually abuse children are adults” (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Info and Stats).

CHILD EXPLOITATION

“The average age at which girls first become victims of prostitution is 12 to 14 years old, and the average age for boys is 11 to 13 years old” (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Info and Stats).

CRIME REPORTS

“Only 12% of child sexual abuse is reported to the authorities” (National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Info and Stats).

CRIME PREVENTITION TIPS

Teach children that no one should touch their private areas except for a medical professional in the presence of a parent. Children should know that if anyone touches them inappropriately they should try to get out of the situation, seek help and tell an adult. Talk to children individually at least once a week and address any changes of behavior which may indicate the child is struggling with an issue.



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SEXTING

“Sexting is sharing sexually suggestive content electronically through any form of electronic communication. It includes sending, receiving or forwarding content. The consequences of sexting: it could be an opinion-changer; sexting could lead to bullying; it could hurt your future; sexting can get you and others in serious trouble; sexting can also attract sexual predators. Know what to do if you receive a sext: don't respond; don't pass it on; do tell a trusted adult right away” (Sexting handout by LAPD).