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### What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault happens when someone forces or manipulates someone else into unwanted sexual activity without their consent. Absence of resistance or physical injury does not mean consent.

### Sexual Assault Statistics

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey,

**1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men** will be rape at some point in their life.

**1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men are sexually abused before the age of 18.**

**1 in 5 women and one in 16 men** are sexually assaulted while in College.

Persons with disabilities are sexually assaulted **at rates more than twice** the rate for persons without a disability.

**Over 50%** of transgender individuals are survivors of sexual violence.

### The Cost of Sexual Violence

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center,

Each rape costs approximately **\$151,423**

Annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (**\$127 billion**), followed by assault (\$93 billion), murder (\$71 billion), and drunk driving (\$61 billion).

81% of women and 35% of men report significant short-term or long-term impacts such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

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### Did you know?

Every **8 seconds** someone is sexually assaulted in the U.S.

For every **1000 rapes** that occur in the U.S. Only **334** are reported to the police.

**20%** of those survivors say they are afraid of retaliation if they report the rape.

**63** of those rapes lead to an arrest.

**13%** of those survivors say they are afraid police won't act on a reported rape.

**13** of those rapes are referred to prosecutors.

**7** of those rapes will lead to a felony conviction.

**6** of those rapist will be incarcerated.

**Meaning that 994 out of 1000 rapist in the U.S. will**

### The Realities of sexual assault

Rape is an act of power and control over the victim. Using sex as a weapon serves to degrade and humiliate a victim.

The typical rapist: premeditates and plans his attack; uses multiple strategies to make victims vulnerable; uses alcohol deliberately; and increases violence as needed.

### Some of the reasons why women don't report:

Not wanting her family and friends to know that she was sexually assaulted.

People thinking it was her fault or that she was responsible.

Her name being made public by the news media.

Belief that the police would not do anything to help

Not enough proof or evidence

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