

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Sexual Assault

- Occurs on Continuum from Harassment to Violent Rape
- US High Rates of Sexual Assault
 - Between 20% and 25% of women
- Sexual assault prevalence related to male dominance and interpersonal violence, especially toward women

Consent is...

- Explicit
- Affirmative
- Ongoing
- Mutual
- Between Competent Individuals

Sexual Assault is...

NOT a result of
misunderstanding

NEVER justified

NOT a result of
uncontrollable desires

NOT usually committed by
psychopathic strangers

Difficult to Report

NOT only a woman's issue

If Sexual Assault is a
Cultural Problem...

Learn How to Support Survivors

Interacting with a Survivor

- BELIEVE THEM!!!!
- Validate Emotions
- Avoid Showing Your Own Emotions
- Don't Coax Them into Action
- Provide support if Choose to Report

Learn How to Talk about Sexual Assault

Educate About Consent Early

Educate Others

Be an Intelligent Consumer

Call out Problem Behaviors

Questions?