Sexual Assault

Relationship and sexual violence are important issues that are quite prevalent in today's society. Remember no one, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity or circumstance, deserves to be a victim of relationship or sexual violence — and "no" always means "no." Nation-wide, one out of every four women will experience an attempted or completed rape during their time in college; and one out of every six men are sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Sexual assault is defined as any unwanted physical or sexual contact, including rape.

Consent is "enthusiastic participation" and must be freely given without the use of coercion, manipulation or intoxication.

No one deserves to be sexually assaulted. Our culture and the media frequently portray people as objects, thus legitimizing violence since objects are absent of feelings, emotions and rights. This type of environment encourages a culture of violence and one that promotes victim-blaming. It is important to know and understand that the victim is never to blame. Assailants act out of a need for power and control; not sex, love or lust.

Stalking

According to Mizzou’s RSVP Center, legal definitions of stalking vary from one jurisdiction to another, a good working definition of stalking is "a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear." Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time. If you feel you are being stalked call 911, the RSVP Center, True North or the National Stalking Resource Center Hotline (1-800-FYI-CALL).

Support

You can also do "green dots" on campus by promoting safety for all Mizzou students through your choices and actions. A green dot is any act that stands up against violence through bystander intervention. For example: (1) looking out for friends in a high risk situation; (2) reporting an act of violence to the authorities; (3) if you see someone at a party who looks uncomfortable — ask if they are okay; (4) wear a "Green Dot" button signifying you care about preventing violence.

2/3 of Survivors

Two-thirds of survivors tell someone, often a friend about a rape sexual assault.

90% of college sexual assault survivors know their assailant.

You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I’ll rise.

— Maya Angelou

Author and Poet

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M I N U T E S

Every two minutes, someone in the United States is being sexually assaulted.

90% of college sexual assault survivors know their assailant.

P E R C E N T

(816): lst nite @ the party i had to take jill home.
(660): Y? Wht happened?
(816): i felt like she was n a bad situation. I couldn’t leave her there!
(660): I’m glad shes ok.
(816): Ahhh the power of green dot.