



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Newsletter

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Statistically speaking ... Air Force sexual assault data shows that perpetrators are:

95% male
58% aged 24 and under
56% E-4 and under

Date Rape

Date rape, also referred to as acquaintance rape, is defined as being forced by someone you know to have sex on a date.

It is a crime that often goes unreported due to shame and fear by the victim. It occurs on college campuses, in dorm rooms and in victims' homes. Frequently, it is fueled by alcohol or drugs and is not as uncommon as you may think.

Contributing to date rape, some believe that men should be aggressive and women should be passive and give in. Poor communication, not understanding each other's sexual intentions and body language can send mixed messages. A rapist may think the victim is "playing hard to get" or "really means yes" and may pressure the victim physically or psychologically for sex. Or, he may just persist until he eventually gets his way.

You can reduce your risk of date rape by stating your sexual intentions. If you're a woman, be clear about your sexual feelings and personal limits. Realize that some men may misinterpret what you say or don't say, your body language and sexual gestures.

If you're a man, you do not have the right to expect sex as payback for dinner or a night out. Realize physical closeness like kissing and touching does not necessarily mean the woman wants to have sex. Be aware of words or phrases that do not give consent such as "I'm not sure about this" and "I don't think I'm ready for this." Most importantly, remember that it is her right to stop at any time ... no matter what.

Being informed and prepared can keep you safe. Know your needs and wishes, assert yourself and communicate them clearly.

Recognizing “No”

Any of the phrases below should raise a red flag during a sexual encounter.

I'm not sure about this

I don't like that

I only want to make out

I really like you but ...

I'm not ready for this

I think it's too soon

Let's share the bed, but you stay on your side

I've been drinking

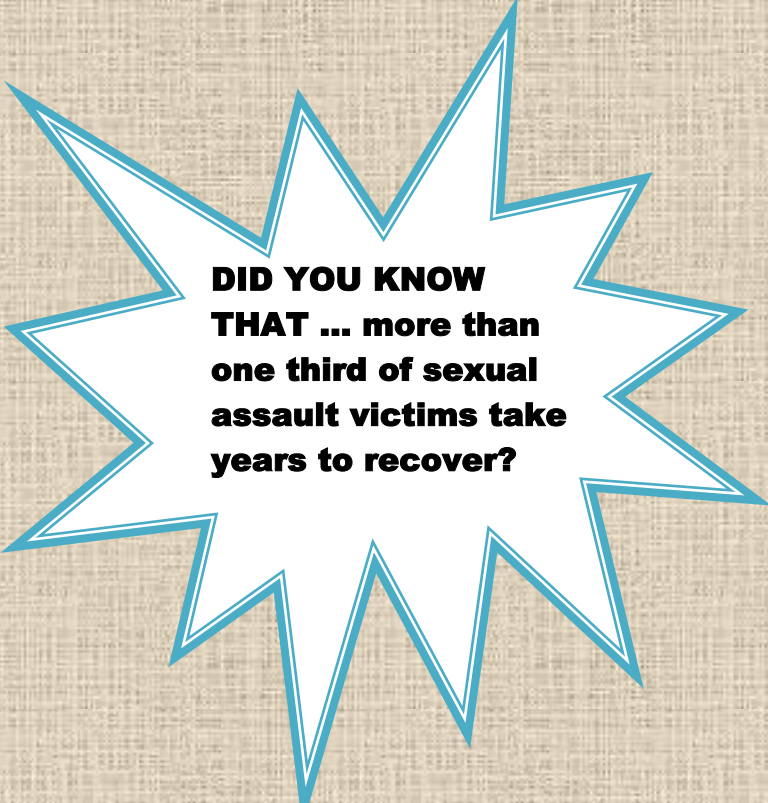
Silence

Maybe later

Welcome New Victim Advocates!

Class of June 2009

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**DID YOU KNOW
THAT ... more than
one third of sexual
assault victims take
years to recover?**

Predeployment Briefing Requirement: 4th Fighter Wing Airmen tasked to deploy, will receive our mandatory briefing at ECST. Others will be briefed in conjunction with the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

If you receive a short-notice tasking, please call the SAPR Office at 722-0155 to arrange for a briefing.