Substance Use Education: ALCOHOL, SEXUAL ASSAULT, & CONSENT

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. People ages 12-34 are at the highest risk for rape and sexual assault (RAINN). The majority of sexual assault victims are under the age of 30. One out of every six American women have been the victim/survivor of an attempted or completed sexual assault. One out of every ten males are sexual assault victims (RAINN).

Alcohol can play a part in sexual assault. Alcohol reduces inhibitions and alcohol consumption by perpetrators and victims tends to coocur, meaning, when one of them is drinking, the other one is generally drinking as well. At least one half of all violent crimes involve the use of alcohol. Although a person's alcohol consumption is one risk factor for sexual assault, they are in no way responsible for what happened to them.

Sexual violence of any type or unwanted sexual contact, is not okay. This includes words and actions of a sexual nature against a person's will and without their consent.



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