



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

TASK: Sexual Assault Situational Awareness

CONDITIONS: Discussion

STANDARDS: Achieve unity of effort and purpose in the execution of sexual assault prevention.

REFERENCE(S):

Center for Sex Offender Management (CSOM) www.csom.org

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) www.rainn.org

National Center for Victims of Crime <http://www.victimsofcrime.org/>

University of Washington -

https://depts.washington.edu/hcsats/PDF/infobrochures/sexual_offenders.pdf

State of California Office of the Attorney General -

<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/facts.htm>



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- **Myths and Facts about sexual assault**
 - **Myth:** "Most sexual assaults are committed by strangers."
Fact: Most sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim or the victim's family, regardless of whether the victim is a child or an adult.
 - **Myth:** "Men who rape do so because they cannot find a consenting sexual partner."
Fact. Studies suggest that most rape offenders are married or in consenting relationships.
 - **Myth:** "Sexual gratification is the primary motivation for a rape offender."
Fact: While some offenders do seek sexual gratification from the act, sexual gratification is often not a primary motivation for a rape offender. Power, control, and anger are more likely to be the primary motivators.
 - **Myth:** "Only men commit sexual assault and only women are victims of sexual assault."
Fact: While most sex offenders are male; females are also offenders and about 15% of all victims are male.



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- Maintain situational awareness and don't rely on anyone else to protect you.
- You can never reduce your risk to zero so be alert for **red** flags:
 - Someone who makes jokes about rape.
 - Stalking.
 - Attempting to isolate you from others.
 - Someone who touches or kisses you when it's not appropriate.
 - Sits or stands too close to you.
 - Someone who pressures you to have sex.
 - Anyone who pressures you to drink (more) alcohol.
 - Fraternization.
 - Someone who encourages underage drinking or drug use.
 - Someone who makes jokes about date rape drugs, or making a date so drunk they pass out.



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- Key Points

- It is important to understand that sex offenders always make a choice when they commit sexual offenses no matter what the reasons are that go into why they did it. Nothing a victim does, or wears, can make a person commit a sexual offense.
- The responsibility for sexual offending always rests with the offenders. Offenders seek out vulnerable people to victimize. Victims can be vulnerable because they are young, inexperienced, or are impaired in some way (drugs, alcohol, etc.).
- Strive to be observant and aware of your surroundings & do not leave your food or drink unattended at a party or in a public place.
- Watch out for your Battle Buddy. Trust your instincts; if something doesn't look/feel right then make your move and INTERVENE.
- Be cautious about making personal contact with those you meet on the internet or in other similar environments and DO NOT be embarrassed to use Security or seek out a Peer or Leader.