

**MYTH**

If the assailant, victim, or both are drunk, the assailant cannot be charged with rape.

If the survivor was not physically harmed, it will be easy to get over a sexual assault without any long-term effects.

Most rapes are committed by strangers in a dark place at night.

Individuals provoke rape by how they behave, dress, or where they choose to go. Rape is the victim's fault.

Many reports of rape are false.

In a dating situation, when a woman says "no" she really means "yes". All men want to have sex with any woman any time.

An individual who agrees to go to their date's house should know that sex is usually part of the deal.

If a woman agrees to allow a man to pay for dinner, drinks, etc., then it means she owes him sex.

Men can't be raped

A person who doesn't fight back has not been raped.

Intimate kissing or certain kinds of touching mean that intercourse is expected.

Once a man reaches a certain point of arousal, sex is inevitable and they can't help forcing themselves upon a woman.

Most survivors lie about acquaintance rape because they have regrets after consensual sex.

Rape is a crime of passion.

It's not really rape if the victim isn't a virgin.

**FACT**

Forcing sex on someone who is too drunk to give consent is second degree rape in most states. Rape is a crime. People who commit crimes while under the influence of alcohol or drugs are not considered free from guilt.

Even if there is no evidence of a sexual assault, trauma can be caused by threats, verbal abuse and fear. These can often have serious effects on a person's emotional health. The reactions can appear immediately, or days, weeks and sometimes months after the assault.

More than 80% of all rapes are committed by someone the victim knows. Rape can take place anywhere, at any time.

Rape is never the survivor's fault.

False reports of rape are rare.

This notion is based on outdated sexual stereotypes and no matter what, "no" means NO. Communicate with your partners.

Going to a date's house does not mean that you agree to have sex with them.

No one "owes" sex for anything, no matter how much money has been spent.

Men can be raped. It is estimated that males make up 10% of all victims (RAINN 2006).

Rape occurs when an individual is forced to have sex against their will, whether they have decided to fight back or not.

Everyone's right to say "no" should be honored, regardless of the activity which preceded it.

Men are capable of exercising restraint in acting upon sexual urges.

Acquaintance rape really happens - to people you know, by people you know.

Rape is an act of violence, not passion. It is an attempt to hurt and humiliate, using sex as the weapon.

Rape is rape. Regardless of whether or not the victim is a virgin, or whether they have consented to sexual acts with the perpetrator before.