

Sexual Assault Myths and Facts

MYTHS

Sexual assault only happens between strangers.

If they didn't say no, it's not assault.

If they were drinking, they are partly to blame.

It's not assault if it happened within a relationship.

They were wearing revealing clothing, that means they were asking for it.

FACTS

Most survivors know the person who harmed them. Often a friend, partner, classmate, or acquaintance.

Consent must be clear, enthusiastic, and ongoing. Silence, fear, or being under the influence does not equal consent.

Being under the influence does not make someone responsible for being assaulted. Responsibility lies with the person who chooses to cause harm.

Sexual assault can happen in any relationship. Consent is required every time, and is ongoing no matter your relationship status.

No one ever asks to be assaulted. Clothing, behavior, or flirting never justifies violence.