

## Sexual Assault Prevention?

Know your  
rights.

The right live to live in a culture where women don't live in constant fear of rape.

The right to be believed after having been sexually assaulted.

The right to have sexual assault taken seriously by the criminal justice system.

The right to live in a culture where victims are not held responsible for perpetrators' behavior.

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Avalon Sexual Assault Centre</b>	<b>422-4240</b>
<b>Avalon Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program</b>	<b>422-6503</b>
<b>After Hours Response Line</b>	<b>425-0122</b>
<b>Mobile Crisis</b>	<b>429-8167</b>
<b>Help Line</b>	<b>421-1188</b>
<b>Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic</b>	<b>455-9656</b>
<b>Halifax Regional Police</b>	<b>490-5016</b>
<b>HRP Victim Services</b>	<b>490-5300</b>
<b>Public Prosecution Service</b>	<b>424-8734</b>
<b>RCMP Victim Assistance</b>	<b>865-6649</b>
<b>Bedford/Sackville Mental Health</b>	<b>865-3663</b>
<b>Dartmouth Mental Health</b>	<b>464-3116</b>
<b>Family Services Association</b>	<b>420-1980</b>
<b>Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association</b>	<b>423-3607</b>
<b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Youth Project</b>	<b>429-5429</b>



## Campus Sexual Assault

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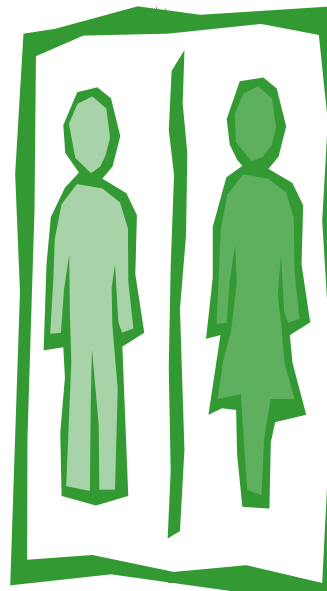
## SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME.

- Subduing someone with alcohol or drugs for the purpose of forcing them to have sex is a crime.
- Not accepting 'no' from your date is a crime. Pretending not to notice resistance is a crime.
- Getting angry and intimidating someone until they submit to sex is a crime. Subtle threats of violence to this end are a crime.
- Participating in 'group sex' with someone who is unconscious, terrified or resistant is a crime.
- Forcing sex on someone who is passed out or inebriated is a crime.
- The absence of screaming, crying and a violent physical struggle does not necessarily mean consent.

*If you keep silent or accept when you witness any of these behaviors, you are enabling someone to commit rape.*

## **Most people are sexually assaulted by someone known to them.**

Prevention efforts often warn against 'stranger danger', telling people not to accept open beverages from strangers, etc. Most sexual assaults are planned, and attackers often choose to exploit the trust of a friend or acquaintance. Most sexual assaults occur in a private home, or a car.



**An acquaintance can be someone that you just met.....**

***If you are sexually assaulted, no matter where you were, who you were with, and what you were doing, it is not your fault. Sexual assault is always the responsibility of the perpetrator.***

**YOU SHOULD CARE WHETHER OR NOT YOUR DATE WANTS TO HAVE SEX.**

Getting 'mixed signals'?

Feel like your partner is playing 'hard to get'?

Don't feel like you'll be able to stop if things go 'too far'?

*The above statements are often used as excuses for sexual assault.*

**BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT YOUR INTENTIONS ARE. IF THE SITUATION IS 'UNCLEAR', ASK.**

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