

## REAL MEN DON'T RAPE

Real men accept the responsibility to not harm another person.

1. It is never OK to force yourself on a woman, even if:

- she teases you
- dresses provocatively or leads you on
- she says "no" and you think she means "yes"
- you've had sex before with her
- you've paid for her dinner or given her expensive gifts
- you think women enjoy being forced to have sex or want to be persuaded
- the woman is under the influence of alcohol or drugs

2. Rape is a crime of violence. It is motivated primarily by desire to control and dominate, rather than by sex. It is illegal.

3. If you have any doubts about what your partner wants, STOP, ASK, CLARIFY.

4. Not having sex or not "scoring" does not mean you are not a "real man". It is OK not to "score".

5. No one asks to be raped. No matter how a woman behaves, she does not deserve to have her body used in ways she does not want.

6. "No" means no. If you do not accept a woman's "no", you might risk raping someone whom you thought meant "yes".

7. Taking sexual advantage of a person who is mentally or physically incapable of giving consent (for example, drunk) is rape. If a woman has had too much to drink and has passed out, or is not in control of herself, having sex with her is rape.

8. The fact that you were intoxicated is not a legal defense to rape. You are responsible for your actions, whether you are sober or not.

9. Be aware that a man's size and physical presence can be intimidating to a woman. Many victims report that the fear they felt based on the man's size and presence was the reason why they did not fight back or struggle.

10. Do not assume you know what your partner wants. Check out your assumptions.

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### As a woman you need to know:

- Sex-role stereotypes of passivity, submissiveness and coyness are dangerous and can create a climate for sexual aggression.
- Say no when you mean no; say yes when you mean yes, stay in touch with your feelings to know the difference.
- Believe in your right to express your feelings and learn how to do so assertively.
- Be aware of stereotypes that prevent you from self expression, such as "anger is unfeminine", "being passive is feminine".
- Be aware of specific situations in which you do not feel relaxed and in charge.

### After an assault has occurred...

- \* Get to a safe place as quickly as possible.
- \* Get immediate medical attention.
- \* Do not shower, change clothes, or comb your hair.
- \* take a complete change of clothes to the hospital, as the police may need your clothing for forensic testing.
- \* Make sure that the hospital knows what has taken place, and that a thorough examination is done.
- \* If you decide to report to the police, tell them everything, even if you feel it may hurt your case. Even a small lie or discrepancy can be brought out in court later.
- \* If your attacker threatened you, be sure to tell the police. Keep in mind, though, that most threats are just that - threats.
- \* Call the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Center.