

FACTS ABOUT DATE RAPE:

From National Studies Of College

Women ¹

- 84% of women who were raped knew their assailants.
- 57% of rapes occurred on a date.
- 25% of men surveyed believed that rape was acceptable if: the women asks the man out; if the man pays for the date, or the woman goes back to the man's room after the date.
- 33% of males surveyed said they would commit rape if they definitely could escape detection.
- 84% of male students who had committed acts that clearly met the legal definition of rape said what they had done was definitely not rape.
- 75% of male and 55% of female students in an occurrence of date rape had been drinking or using drugs.
- Only a quarter to a third of women whose sexual assaults met the legal definition of rape considered themselves rape victims.
- Many women do not report or characterize their victimization as a crime for reasons such as embarrassment, because they do not want to define someone who assaulted them as a rapist, or because they do not know the legal definition of rape. Many women blame themselves.
- Nearly 5% of college women are victimized in any given year, meaning over 4 years one-fifth to one quarter of a cohort of women may be assaulted. Similar numbers experienced attempted rape.
- The majority of rapes occur in living quarters--60% in victim's residence, 10 % in a fraternity, 31 % in other living quarters. Off campus victimizations also took place in bars, dance clubs and work settings.

¹ Statistics are from a variety of studies. For statistical sources, come to the Women's Center, 206 Holton Hall, Kansas State University

- 50% of high school boys and 42% of girls said there were times it was acceptable for a male to hold a female down and physically force her to engage in intercourse.