



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

Sexual violence is any type of unwanted sexual contact.

Victims often know the person who sexually assaulted them.

6 out of 10 victims stated that the offender was an intimate partner, other relative, a friend, or an acquaintance.

Almost 70% of sexual assaults reported to law enforcement occurred in the residence of the victim, the offender, or another individual.

Offenders may use coercion, manipulation, threats, or force to commit sexual violence.



REPORTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE:

Victims of sexual violence exhibit a spectrum of responses to the assault, which can include: calm, hysteria, withdrawal, anger, apathy, denial, and shock.

There is no "right way" to react to being sexually assaulted. Assumptions about a way a victim "should act" may be detrimental to the victim because each victim copes with the trauma of the assault in different ways which can also vary over time.

About 70% of sexual assaults go unreported

Because a victim did not immediately report an assault or chooses not to report it at all does not mean that the assault did not happen.

RESOURCES:

National Sexual Assault Hotline

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

National Organization for Victim Assistance

1-800-879-6682

Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program

(240) 777-4357

Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation

(240) 773-0444

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SURVEY RESULTS



1 in 2

American women have experienced sexual violence other than rape
80% of the participating female population at have been a victim of sexual assault.

1 in 5

American Women have been raped

93 percent

Of the participating female population believe sexual assault can be prevented

60 percent

Of the participating female population have tried to prevent or stop a sexual assault from happening

60 percent

Of the participating female population are familiar with local victim services in the community

1 in 3

American women have experienced sexual violence by an intimate partner

100% of the participating female population and 84% of the participating male population think someone can be assaulted by their husband or wife if they are married.

1 in 5

Men have experienced sexual violence other than rape.
18% of the participating male population have been a victim of sexual assault.

1 in 67

American Men have been raped

62 percent

Of the male population believe sexual assault can be prevented

36 percent

Of the male population have tried to prevent or stop a sexual assault from happening

16 percent

Of the male population are familiar with local victim services in the community

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