

END VIOLENCE TOGETHER

For The Dignity Of Every Woman

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND ACQUAINTANCE RAPE

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You may have heard about “rape drugs” – drugs that attackers give to women to make them unconscious so they can rape them more easily. These exist, but in fact the most common “rape drug” is alcohol. Approximately 50% of sexual assaults involve alcohol.¹

- In a survey of students’ actions in regards to drinking games:²
 - 35% of men have tried to get someone else drunk during a drinking game in hopes of having sexual intercourse with them later.
 - 27% of men have tried to kiss someone who did not want to be kissed after playing a drinking game.
 - 24% of men have taken advantage of someone sexually after playing drinking games with them.
 - 23% of men have had sex with someone who was too drunk to give consent after playing drinking games.
 - 30% of men have touched someone on the breast or genitals without first getting their consent after playing a drinking game.
 - 7% of women have touched someone on the breast or genitals without first getting their consent after playing a drinking game.
 - 35% of women felt that someone took advantage of them sexually after playing a drinking game with them.
 - 3% of men felt that someone took advantage of them sexually after playing a drinking game with them.
- In cases of acquaintance rape on college campuses, 75% of male students and 55% of female students had been drinking or using drugs at the time of the assault.³

Place Your Agency Information Here

RESOURCES

There are approximately 400 programs to assist with violence against women and children in BC. These include:

- Community-Based Victim Services Programs
- Stopping the Violence Counselling Programs
- Stopping the Violence Outreach/Multicultural Programs
- Transition Houses
- Children Who Witness Abuse Programs
- Second Stage Houses
- Safe Homes

VictimLink BC provides information and referral services for victims of family and sexual violence and all other crimes. It is a multilingual line.

- Call toll-free in BC at 1-800-563-0808, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- VictimLink BC is TTY accessible. Call TTY at (604) 875-0885. If calling from outside the Lower Mainland, please call the Telus Relay Service at 711. Text 604-836-6381. Email victimlinkbc@bc211.ca.

Helpline for Children

- Call 310-1234 (no area code required), 24 hours a day everyday.
- If calling from a pay phone, call the operator "0". **This is a free call.**
- To use the TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf), call 1-866-660-0505.

CONTACT US

- If you want more information
- If you need help
- If you want to volunteer or make a donation

PLACE YOUR PROGRAM NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION HERE.

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