

Addressing Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence

Sexual Assault Myths

The following myths can create rape-supportive attitudes on campus and put all the responsibility for prevention on women. Help to dispel the myths.

- Many females falsely claim rape out of revenge.
- Many females falsely claim rape out of regret over consensual sex.
- When a woman dresses and acts in a flirtatious or sexual manner, she is "asking for it."
- When a woman drinks or takes drugs, she is "asking for it."
- Men can't restrain their sexual urges. After all, "boys will be boys."
- If a woman consents to any sexual activity or minimal sexual contact, she is consenting to *all* sexual activity and gives up her right to say "no."
- Woman who are promiscuous are to blame for putting themselves in bad situations.

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