

 **Training
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An OVC Program

Module 3
Realities of
Sexual Assault





Learning Objectives 

- Correctly answer at least two questions about the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault in the United States.
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Sexual Assault 

How much do you know about the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault in the United States?

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Friendly Competition
Worksheet 3.1



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Activity

Myth or Fact?
Worksheet 3.2

- Without looking at the worksheet, write a myth or fact about rape or sexual assault on each card.
- Tape cards to the Myth or Facts column of the tear sheet.
- Refer to the worksheet for the debrief.

Myth:
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Fact:
Victims are more likely to be raped by someone they know.

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Legal definitions of sexual assault vary from state to state. For the purposes of this training, rape is the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

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Fact:

People are raped by their partners.

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Fact:

Prostitutes can be and often are raped by
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These offenders tend to be juveniles or young adults under the age of 30 (Douglas and Finkelhor 2005).

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Fact:

Studies show about one-fourth of child victims are victimized by family members, and another 60% are abused by persons known to the child. Only 14% are victimized by strangers (Snyder 2000).

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Fact:

Elderly individuals can be and are raped.

Myth:

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Fact:

Rape can occur in same-gender relationships as well as in heterosexual relationships.

Myth:

Men cannot be raped.

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Men cannot be sexually assaulted.

Fact:

Although men are less likely to report, men can be and are raped by other men and by women.

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Fact:

It is never her fault. No one asks or deserves to be raped. Rape is a violent attack and a crime in which the perpetrator controls the victim.

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Questions? Comments?



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