

PREVENTION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

THERE IS NO TO RAPE

THERE IS NO **EXCUSE NOT TO** TALK TO YOUR IEEN

TALK TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Teens between the ages of I5 and I9 are at the greatest risk to experience sexual assault. Male and female teens need trusted adults with whom they can talk about sexual violence, coercion and exploitation. Having open and honest discussions with your teen about healthy and respectful relationships to prevent teen dating and sexual violence builds vital and life-saving lines of communication. Everyone has the right to be safe from sexual and relationship violence, regardless of age!





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THERE IS NO EXCUSE NOT TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Survivors of sexual violence are often afraid to disclose because of fear of re-victimization. Survivors often experience feelings of shame, guilt, isolation, powerlessness, embarrassment and inadequacy. If a survivor chooses to tell you about their assault, then s/he is investing a lot of trust in you. Your responses are important. A rape survivor needs to be supported through active listening, nonjudgemental responses, and allowed the time and space to make his/her own decisions about what to do next.





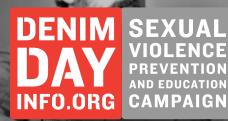
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THERE IS NO EXCUSE TO JOKE ABOUT RAPE

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS NOT FUNNY

As a society we cannot tolerate joking about sexual assault. Dismissing it as "just a joke" adds insult to injury. "Jokes" about rape trivialize the seriousness of sexual violence and belittle survivors' experiences. Accepting and laughing at jokes about rape sends a clear message to survivors that their experiences aren't taken seriously.





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THERE IS NO EXCUSE NOT TO SUPPORT MALE SURVIVORS

MALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Researchers estimate that I in 6 men have had unwanted or abusive sexual experiences in childhood—that's nearly I9 million of our brothers, fathers, sons, partners and friends. Talking about it begins healing. But these boys grow up with socialized expectations about manhood that equates getting help or even acknowledging their victimization with shame. As adults, they're at significantly higher risk for a range of negative health and behavioral consequences—consequences that impact them, their families, communities and society as a whole.





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THERE IS NO **EXCUSE TO** IGNORE RAPE

A CALL FOR LEADERSHIP

The cultural climate within many institutions of power reflects a deep failure of leadership at all levels to acknowledge and adequately respond to the crimes of sexual abuse and rape. Religious institutions, corporations, schools, law enforcement and the U.S. military have all been the focus of media and popular inquiry in their cover up of reported rapes and abuse and their negligence to respond to the needs of men, women and children who have experienced sexual abuse. We are all members of families, groups, and organizations and we are all responsible for holding these institutions and each other accountable. We must seek the courage to step up as individuals and be leaders who advocate for institutional and societal change and support survivors.

