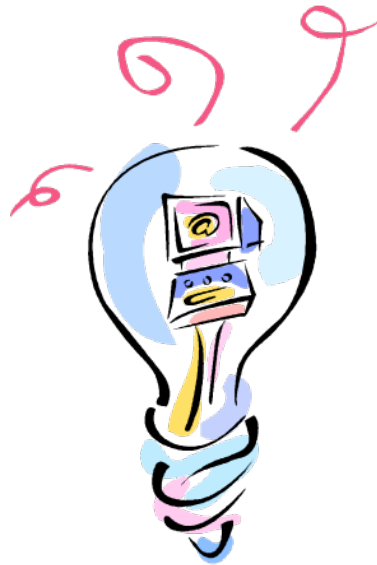
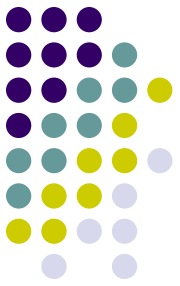


Myths & **FACTS** of **Sexual Assault:**

Be Informed



Be Aware



- Myth:
 - *Only certain types of women are raped.*

- **FACT:**
 - **WOMEN OF EVERY AGE, CLASS, RACE, ABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND RELIGION ARE RAPED.**



- Myth:
 - Men rape women because they are sexually aroused by them, or have been deprived of sex.

- **FACT:**
 - **MEN RAPE WOMEN TO EXERT *POWER AND CONTROL* OVER THEM. RAPE IS NOT NECESSARILY MOTIVATED BY SEX.**

- Myth:
 - Rapes are committed by strangers at night in dark alleys.



- **FACT:**

- **IN 3 OUT OF 4 RAPES, THE VICTIM KNOWS THEIR RAPIST. RAPE CAN OCCUR IN ANY SETTING AND AT ANY TIME OF DAY. IN FACT, THE MAJORITY OF RAPES ARE COMMITTED IN THE VICTIM'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE.**



- Myth:
 - Most rapes are committed by People of Color and/or people from lower social classes.

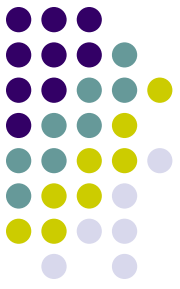
- **FACT:**
 - **RAPIST ARE FROM ALL RACES, ETHNICITIES, AND SOCIAL CLASSES. 80 TO 90% OF VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN ARE COMMITTED BY SOMEONE OF THE SAME RACE AS THE VICTIM.**



- Myth:
 - Most rapes occur because of how the woman is dressed.

- **FACT:**

- **WOMEN ARE RAPED WHILE WEARING SKIRTS, SWEAT PANTS, TURTLENECKS, HOODIES, ETC. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF CLOTHES ARE FORM-FITTING OR BAGGY. *DRESS IS NOT A REASON TO RAPE AND WHAT SOMEONE IS WEARING IS NEVER AN INVITATION FOR RAPE.***



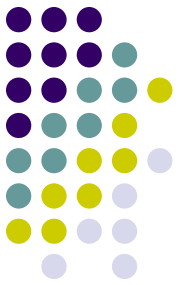
- Myth:
 - Women reporting rape are usually lying and using it as a way to get attention.

- **FACT:**
 - **RAPE IS THE MOST UNDERREPORTED CRIME OF ALL. WOMEN USUALLY DO NOT COME FORWARD FOR FEAR OF NOT BEING BELIEVED. APPROXIMATELY 2-3% OF REPORTED RAPES ARE FALSE.**



- Myth:
 - Men are not raped.

- **FACT:**
 - **1 IN 6 MEN WILL BE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED IN THEIR LIFETIME. THEY CAN AND ARE RAPED FOR SIMILAR REASONS AS WOMEN ARE RAPED...POWER AND CONTROL. MEN CAN BE ASSAULTED BY WOMEN AND BY OTHER MEN.**



- Myth:
 - Men rape women because that is men's nature and biological role.

- **FACT:**
 - **RAPE IS NOT UNIVERSAL AND NOT ALL MEN RAPE. THERE ARE MANY SOCIETIES IN WHICH MEN RARELY OR NEVER RAPE WOMEN.**



- Myth:

- Men who rape are “psychos” or mentally ill.

- **FACT:**

- **MEN WHO RAPE ARE MOSTLY ORDINARY, EVERYDAY GUYS. THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MEN WHO RAPE AND MEN WHO DON'T RAPE IS THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD WOMEN.**

Support

- **MSU Counseling Center Sexual Assault Program**
517-355-8270
- **Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention**
24-Hour Hotline: 517-355-3551
- **MSU Counseling Center TTY**
517-353-7278
- **Listening Ear Help Line**
517-337-1717

