

SEXUAL ASSAULT - ADVICE FOR MEN

1. Think about whether you really want to have sex with someone who doesn't want to have sex with you; how will you feel afterwards if your partner tells you she/he didn't want to have sex.
2. If you are getting a double message from a woman, speak up and clarify what she wants. If you find yourself in a situation with a woman who is unsure about having sex or is saying "no", back off, suggest talking about it.
3. Be sensitive to women who are unsure whether they want to have sex. If you put pressure on them, you might be forcing them.
4. Do not assume you both want the same degree of intimacy. She may be interested in some sexual contact other than intercourse. There may be several kinds of sexual activity you might mutually agree to share.
5. Stay in touch with your sexual desires. Ask yourself if you are really hearing what she wants. Do not let your desires control your actions.
6. Communicate your sexual desires honestly and as clearly as possible.
7. Do not assume her desire for affection is the same as a desire for sex.
8. A woman who turns you down for sex is not necessarily rejecting you as a person; she is expressing her decision not to participate in a single act at that time.
9. No one asks to be sexually assaulted. No matter how a woman behaves, she does not deserve to have her body used in ways she does not want.
10. The fact that you were intoxicated is not legal defense to sexual assault. You are responsible for your actions, whether you are drunk or sober.
11. Be aware that a man's size and physical presence can be intimidating to a woman. Many victims report that the fear they felt based on the man's size and presence was the reason why they did not fight back or struggle.