

# Sexual Assault against Women

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# Introduction of sexual assault

Sexual abuse is any type of sexual activity that a person does not agree to, such as:

- Inappropriate touching or molestation
- Sexual intercourse without one's agreement
- Forcible sodomy or sexual penetration with an inanimate object
- Forcing someone unwilling to touch another's intimate part

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# Factors involved in sexual assault

- Age
- Consumption of alcohol or drugs
- Having multiple sexual partners
- Involvement in sex work
- Poverty



# Statistics

- 80% of female prisoners were victims of childhood physical or sexual abuse.
- 44% of victims are under the age of 18.
- 80% are under the age of 30.
- 60% of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.
- 15 out of 16 rapists will never be jailed.
- Approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.
- 38% of rapists are a friend or acquaintance

# Effects on the victims

- Shock
- Fear
- Depression
- Phobia
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Lack of self confidence

# Malaysian policies

- Before 2007, Malaysia's law did not prosecute husbands who sexually assaulted their wives.
- On September 2007, a new subsection of the law was formed and it states that, *“Any man who during the subsistence of a valid marriage causes hurt or fear of death, or hurt to his wife or any other person in order to have sexual intercourse with his wife shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years”*.

# Eradicate Sexual Violence Against Women

## Aim

- To focus on how we can prevent sexual violence, what each and every one of us can do in order to be a part of that act of prevention, and also to help the victims of sexual assault to rebuild their confidence.

## Target

- Rape victims
- Women of all ages



# Steps of the action plan

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## One (Research)

- Carry out an in-depth study on the image of sexual violence.

## Two (Organise talks at secondary schools)

- Educate women on the prevention steps of sexual violence.
- Educate men on the proper attitude towards sexual activities.

## Three (Set up a network for victims)

- Provide a supportive space for the victims.



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