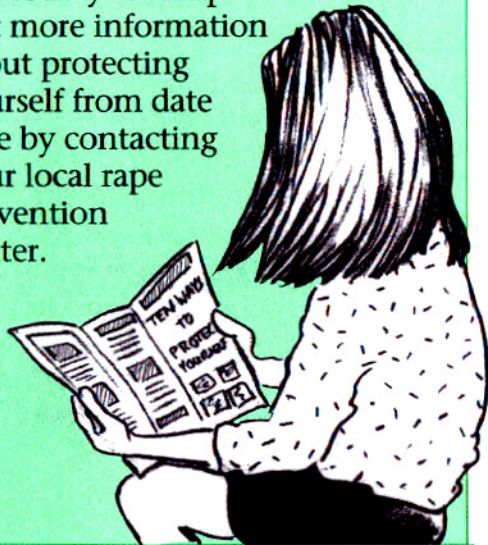


WHEN DOES YES REALLY MEAN YES?

- ✓ Ask yourself these questions:
 - Do we both want to have sex?
 - Have I said yes clearly and have I heard my partner say yes clearly?
- ✓ If the person is unsure or has not said yes clearly, then it may not be something you both want.

IF SOMEONE IS PUSHING YOU TO HAVE SEX WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO:

- ✓ Say no clearly and with force.
- ✓ Move away from the person.
- ✓ If the person is still not listening to no, get away as fast as you can.
- ✓ If the person tries to use force – fight back!
- ✓ Yell loudly for help.
- ✓ Get more information about protecting yourself from date rape by contacting your local rape prevention center.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT DATE RAPE?

Thinking about and talking about date rape can be scary. But if you have questions, there are people who can help. Contact your local rape crisis center, women's center or health center.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN RAPED:

Tell a trusted person and ask for help! If they don't believe you, find another trusted person who will. Remember, rape is never your fault!

FACTS FOR WOMEN AND MEN

This pamphlet is not a substitute for professional advice. If you have questions or concerns, please talk with a health care provider or other qualified professional.

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FACTS FOR WOMEN AND MEN

Many people have questions about date and acquaintance rape. When exactly is it rape? Can it really be rape if you've had sex before? What if you've been drinking or making out? This pamphlet will help you understand the difference between consensual sex (sex when both people want it to happen) and forced sex (rape).

DATE RAPE IS WHEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW FORCES YOU TO HAVE SEX.

- ✓ This can happen when you are out on a date, at a party or in some other social setting.
- ✓ Date rape can happen when people have just met or when two people have been going out for a long time.
- ✓ If someone you don't know well and are not dating forces you to have sex, it is called acquaintance rape.

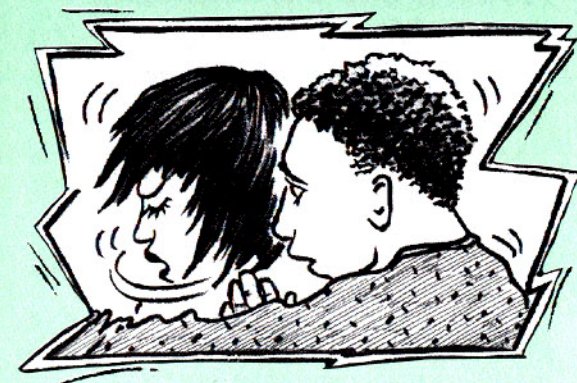
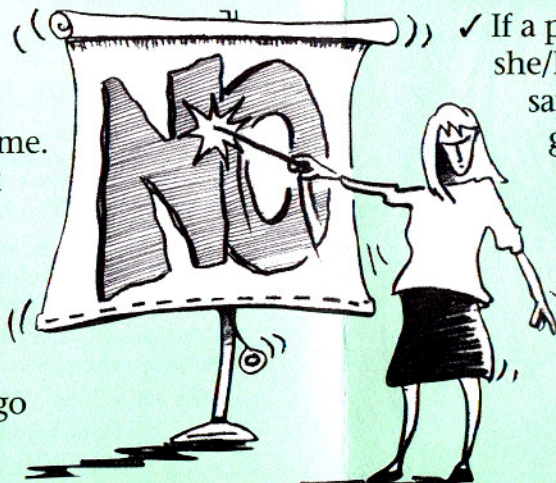


FORCE ISN'T ALWAYS PHYSICAL.

- ✓ When we think about force and rape, we often picture someone using a knife or gun. Or, we think about one person overpowering the other person.
- ✓ But there are other kinds of force. Here are some examples:
 - Threatening to harm the person.
 - Making it seem like something even worse will happen if she/he doesn't give in.
 - Having sex with someone who is too drunk or high to say no.
- ✓ These may also be a kind of force:
 - Not taking no for an answer.
 - Threatening to tell other people the person had sex unless she/he gives in.
 - Saying things such as, "If you don't, I'll hurt myself."

REMEMBER, A PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO SAY NO TO SEX ANY TIME.

- ✓ Even if you have been making out.
- ✓ Even if you have been drinking.
- ✓ Even if you said yes at first and then changed your mind.
- ✓ Even if you have been going out for a long time.
- ✓ Even if you've had sex before.
- ✓ Even if your date has spent a lot of money.
- ✓ Even if you're dressed in sexy clothes.
- ✓ Even if you agreed to go to a secluded place.



BUT DOESN'T "NO" SOMETIMES REALLY MEANS "YES"?

- ✓ If you say "no" – mean it! Make sure you say it clearly.
- ✓ If you are the person hearing "no", you must listen to it – even if you're not sure she/he really means it.
- ✓ Making a game of saying yes or no to sex is dangerous. Someone almost always gets hurt.

WHAT IF THE PERSON NEVER SAID NO?

- ✓ If a person believes that she/he will be hurt worse by saying no, she/he might give in for protection. This can still be rape.
 - ✓ This may happen if the person is afraid of being beaten up or believes she/he won't be able to get away safely.