

# AM I A RAPIST?

As men, we need to realize our responsibility for rape. We need to ask ourselves if we have *in any way* contributed to rape - been rapists, given other men permission to rape, or helped to create a climate where rape occurs.

- Have I ever used physical force to have sex with my partner, wife, date?
- Have I used the threat of physical force to have sex?
- Have I used intimidation (unspoken threat implied by size, strength, status) to have sex?
- Have I used a position of power or financial advantage to obtain sex?
- Have I taken advantage of someone sexually (such as having sex with someone who was drunk or not aware)?
- Have I not listened to a woman saying "No," and badgered her to say yes to my sexual advances?
- Have I been physically sexual with someone (such as pinching, patting, touching, or pressing) in an unexpected or unwelcome way?
- Have I condoned rape by telling or laughing at rape jokes?
- Have I condoned rape by seeking it as entertainment in movies or TV?
- Have I talked, thought, or fantasized about rape as a sexual act rather than as an act of violence?
- Have I encouraged men in doing any of the above (such as laughing or remaining silent)?

**Most men will answer "yes" to some of these questions. What can we do to stop these things from occurring?**

- Acknowledge your own actions and accept responsibility for changing them.
- Show this ad to other men and ask them to answer the above questions.
- Help support the work of Rape Crisis Network (485-6700) and other agencies working to help stop violence against women.

# HAVE I BEEN RAPED?

As women, we live in a society which promotes direct and indirect violence against us. And, as we are all potential victims, we must learn to recognize sexual assault in all its forms.

- Have I ever been physically forced to have sex with my partner, husband, date?
- Have I ever been threatened by physical force to have sex?
- Have I ever been intimidated (unspoken threat implied by size, strength, status) to have sex?
- Have I been forced to have sex with someone because of the perpetrator's position of power or financial advantage?
- Have I been taken advantage of by someone because I was drunk or not aware?
- Have I said "No," but was badgered into having sex?
- Have I experienced physical assault (such as being pinched, patted, touched, or pressed unexpectedly or in an unwelcome way)?
- Have I experienced verbal sexual assault (such as heavy breathing over the phone or offensive sexual comments in the street or classroom)?

**Most women will answer "yes" to some of these questions. What can we do to recognize when we have been assaulted?**

- Trust your intuition. If you feel violated, something is wrong.
- Support and validate others who have the same feelings.
- Speak Out! When events are uncomfortable or painful to you, tell others how you feel. It is your right.
- Help support the work of agencies which work to help stop violence against women.
- Strive to be clear in your daily personal and public lives that rape is an act of violence and power, not a sexual act.
- All victims deserve support. If you have been assaulted, seek help from others or call the Rape Crisis Network Hotline, 485-6700. (Rape Crisis Network is located at 358 West 10th, Eugene, OR 97401).

**THE VICTIM OF RAPE  
IS NEVER RESPONSIBLE  
FOR WHAT HAS HAPPENED.**

**THE RAPIST IS WHOLLY RESPONSIBLE  
FOR HIS OWN ACTIONS.**

For more information about how you can help prevent rape on this campus, contact the ASUO Women's Task force.

**686-3724**