



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE MYTHS

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## FACTS ✔

People lie about experiencing sexual violence

Lying about experiencing sexual violence is extremely rare (96-98% reports of sexual violence to the police are true)



Most survivors do not report experiences of sexual violence to the police

Men do not experience sexual violence



Boys and men of all ages, sexual orientations, and gender expressions can be survivors of sexual violence.

1 in 6 men experience sexual violence<sup>1</sup>

A person cannot be sexually assaulted by their partner



Most instances of sexual violence are committed by someone known to the victim/survivor

A person can be sexually assaulted by someone they previously engaged in consensual sexual relations with



Sexual violence is about power and control

Certain clothing and behaviours are invitations for sexual violence



No behaviour or manner of dress justifies sexual violence



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<sup>1</sup> Anderson, R. E., & Delahanty, D. L. (2020). Discrepant responding across measures of college students' sexual victimization experiences: Conceptual replication and extension. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 57(5), 585-596.