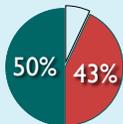


STATS SHOT



8%

8% of women have experienced alcohol/drug facilitated rape in their lifetime



50% 43%

50% of victims of alcohol/drug facilitated rape were raped by an acquaintance and 43% were raped by an intimate partner

Women who were victims of alcohol/drug facilitated and incapacitated rape were less likely to identify the experience as rape and less likely to report to the police than women who experienced non-alcohol/drug facilitated rape

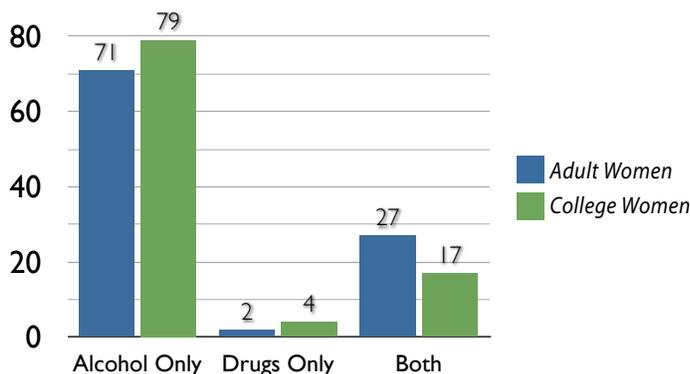
Alcohol and Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault

Many sexual assaults involve alcohol or drug use by the perpetrator and/or victim. Alcohol and drug facilitated sexual assault occurs when the perpetrator purposely gives the victims alcohol/drugs without their permission or tries to get them intoxicated and then commits an unwanted sexual act against them. The victim may be passed out or awake but too intoxicated to know what is happening (Kilpatrick, 2007).

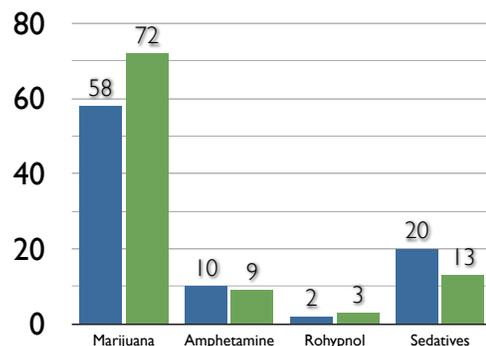
Incapacitated sexual assault occurs when a perpetrator commits an unwanted sexual act when the victim voluntarily uses drugs or alcohol and is passed out or awake but too intoxicated to know what is happening (Kilpatrick, 2007).

While alcohol and drug use may increase the risk for sexual assault, there is not sufficient evidence that it causes sexual assault and it does not reduce the perpetrator's responsibility. Some perpetrators have beliefs about alcohol's effects that make them more comfortable in engaging in sexual aggression and beliefs about intoxicated women that make them more comfortable targeting those women for sexual aggression (Abbey, 2008).

Type of Substance Used



Type of Drug Used



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