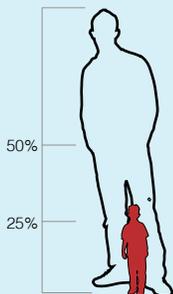


The Facts



16% of men reported experiencing sexual abuse in childhood in a 2005 study (Dube et al., 2005)



28% of male victims experienced their first rape under the age of 10 (CDC, 2011)

1.4% of men have been raped and 11.7% of men have experienced unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime (CDC, 2011)



rape



unwanted sexual contact



93.3% of men who have been raped reported male perpetrators and 53.1% of males who have experienced unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime reported female perpetrators (CDC, 2011)



Male Survivors of Sexual Assault

Sexual violence is any act that breaks a person’s trust and/or safety and is sexual in nature. The term “sexual violence” includes rape, incest, child sexual abuse, date and acquaintance rape, marital or partner rape, sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure, and voyeurism.

Society’s prevailing images of men are that they must always be strong, invulnerable, and in control. Despite these stereotypes, men of all ages, sizes, strengths, personalities, and sexual orientations are victims of sexual assault. Men are sexually assaulted both as adults and as children.

While there are some ways that sexual assault affects male survivors differently, men are as profoundly affected by assaults as women.

The survivor may also question his masculinity. When another man is the perpetrator of the sexual assault, the survivor may have doubts and confusion about his sexual orientation. Whether the survivor is gay or straight, his sexual orientation is neither the cause nor result of the sexual assault. Such concerns about one’s masculinity and sexuality are normal and possible to overcome.



40% of men who experienced childhood sexual abuse reported female perpetrators in a 2005 study (Dube et al., 2005)

Potential long-term effects of sexual abuse for men

- Fear
- Anger
- Isolation
- Loss
- Issues with Masculinity
- Self-blame and guilt
- Helplessness
- Shame and humiliation



Facts for Wisconsin

In 2010 in Wisconsin:

- 15% of sexual assault victims identified as male
- Forcible fondling and forcible sodomy/oral sex were the most frequently reported offense types for male victims
- 69% of perpetrators of sexual assault against male victims were identified as male
- 30% of perpetrators of sexual assault against male victims were identified as female

*This data only represents one year of reported sexual assaults.

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