

# Sexual Assault

## No means No

### Ways to Protect Yourself

- When you go to a social gathering, go with a group of friends. Stay together or check with each other throughout the night.
- Trust your instincts and be aware of your surroundings. Avoid distractions: cell phones, texting and headphones.
- Download safety apps.
- Never drink a beverage that you didn't open yourself. Keep track of your drink.
- Always be alert to behaviors of friends. Any acting unusual or seeming disproportionately intoxicated may have been drugged.
- Anyone who suspects that they have ingested a tampered drink should be taken to the hospital immediately or call for help.

### Statistics

1 in 6 women will be raped annually in the U.S.

1 in 33 American Men will experience an attempted or completed sexual assault as a child or adult.

82% of all juvenile sexual assault victims are female.

90% of adult victims are female.

41% of sexual assaults against Native Indians are committed by a stranger.

1 out of 5 adolescents ages 14-17 are victims.

#### The Unspoken Truth:

- Sexual abuse is not limited to females and the abuse of boys has little to do with either the abuser's or the victim's sexual orientation.
- Most perpetrators of male sexual assault are men.
- Girls and women can most definitely be perpetrators of sexual violence towards males, and instances of this kind are more prevalent than people realize.

#### Important Numbers:

**Stevensville Police Department**

406-777-3011

**Ravalli County Sheriff's Office**

406-375-4060

**Non-Emergency Number**

406-363-3033

**Ravalli County Attorney**

406-375-6750

**SAFE 24-Hour Crisis Hotline**

406-363-4600

**Stevensville Police Department**

**102 Main St. Ste D**

**Stevensville, Mt 59870**



## What is Sexual Assault?

**A person knowingly subjects another person to any sexual contact without consent commits the offense of sexual assault**

### What is sexual contact?

“Sexual Contact” means touching of the sexual or other intimate parts of the person of another, directly or through clothing, in order to knowingly or purposely

- a. Cause bodily injury to or humiliate, harass or degrade another or
- b. Arouse or gratify the sexual response or desire of either party.

### What is Sexual Intercourse?

Sexual Intercourse means penetration of the vulva, anus, or mouth of one person by the penis of another person, penetration of the vulva, anus of one person by a body member of another person, or penetration of the vulva or anus of one person by a foreign instrument or object manipulated by another person to knowingly or purposely:

- a. Cause bodily injury or humiliate, harass or degrade or
- b. Arouse or gratify the sexual response or desire of either party.

## What is Consent?

The term consent means words or overt actions indicating a freely given agreement to have sexual or sexual contact and is further defined but not limited by the following:

- An expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent or that consent has been withdrawn.
- A current or previous dating or social or sexual relationship by itself or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the conduct at issue does not constitute consent; and
- Lack of consent may be inferred based on all of the surrounding circumstances and must be considered in determining whether a person gave consent

### Am I capable of consent?

The victim is incapable of consent if the victim is mentally disordered or incapacitated; physically helpless; overcome by deception, coercion, or surprise; or less than 16 years of age.

## What is Incest?

A person commits the offense of incest if the person knowingly marries, cohabits with, has sexual intercourse with, or has sexual contact with an ancestor, a descendant, a brother or sister of the whole or half blood, or any stepson or stepdaughter. The relationship referred to include blood relationships without regard to legitimacy, relationships of parent and child by adoption, and relationships involving a stepson or stepdaughter.

### If Someone is Pressuring You

- Remember that being in this situation is not your fault.
- Be true to yourself. Don't feel obligated to do anything that you don't want to do.
- Establish a code word with friends or family.
- Make excuses. Say that you aren't feeling well, have to take care of someone, need to pick someone up, are late for an appointment, etc.
- If you and the other persons have been drinking, you can say that you would rather wait until you both have your full judgement before doing anything that you may regret later.