Rape Myths vs. Reality

**Myth:** “People are more likely to be raped by a stranger than someone they know.”

**Reality Check:** People are most often assaulted by people they know.¹

**Myth:** “Women ask to be raped if they dress provocatively, flirt with guys, or get drunk.”

**Reality Check:** A victim’s manner of dress, behavior, or sexual history does not justify rape. Only rapists cause rape.

**Myth:** “Guys can’t be raped.”

**Reality Check:** Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault.

**Myth:** “Most reports of rape are false.”

**Reality Check:** Research shows that only 2-8% of all rape reports are false. Rape victims deserve our understanding, sensitivity, and support.²

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