

**DENIM  
DAY**  
IN LA & USA

**SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION  
AND EDUCATION  
CAMPAIGN**

**THERE IS NO  
EXCUSE  
AND NEVER  
AN INVITATION  
TO RAPE**

**BREAK THE SILENCE  
THAT SURROUNDS  
ALL FORMS  
OF SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE**

#### MYTHS AND REALITIES ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

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**REALITY:** Research consistently shows that rape is about the need to act out power and control, not what a person wears. In fact, women and girls have been raped while wearing everything from pajamas to jeans to business suits.

**MYTH:** Most rapes occur in a dark alley by a stranger.

**REALITY:** About 75% of rape victims are assaulted by someone they know . . . intimates or acquaintances. This could include dates, family members, boyfriends, and husbands.

**MYTH:** If a woman consents once to sex with someone, she can't ever be raped by him. If she knows him or is in a relationship with him, she can't be raped.

**REALITY:** Coercing or forcing someone to have sex against their will is sexual violence. Knowing, dating, being married or related to, is not a license to rape.

**MYTH:** He's attractive and successful. Anyone would want to be with him. He couldn't be a rapist.

**REALITY:** Rapists come from all types of backgrounds and all walks of life. Money and success does not preclude committing a crime, but in some cases it has helped avoid a conviction.

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