

FACTS ABOUT RAPE

Rape is terrifying. And its widespread incidence in our society is terrifying, too. Consider these facts:

- FACT: The FBI estimates that every 60 seconds a woman is raped.
- FACT: One in 3 women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.
- FACT: In New York City alone, an estimated 30,000 rapes are committed each year.
- FACT: Experts estimate that only 1 out of every 10 rapes gets reported.
- FACT: In more than 50% of all rape cases the rapist is the victim's husband, father, brother, or some other relative or acquaintance.

Recently, the devastating facts about child sexual abuse have become public:

- FACT: Research has indicated that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 10 boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18.
- FACT: More than one half of all victims of reported rape are under 18, and 25% of this number are under 12.
- FACT: Victims of rape range in age from 2 months to 85 years old.
- FACT: A doctor at a children's hospital has observed that sexually abused children are more common among his patients than broken bones or tonsillectomies.
- FACT: Psychiatrists, doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers and child-care workers are discovering so many cases of child sexual abuse as to suggest a national epidemic.

Yet sexual abuse is nothing new. The problem has not just begun; it has only begun to be talked about.

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