

GRAPHICS FOR RAPE MYTHS CAMPAIGN

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MYTH:
It doesn't matter if I secretly remove the condom during sex.

FACT:
Agreeing to protected sex does not mean consenting to unprotected sex.

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MYTH:
Sex workers can't be raped.

FACT:
Sex workers, like everyone else, have the right to withdraw consent at any time.

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MYTH:
Elderly people and people with disabilities don't experience rape.

FACT:
Sexual violence can affect anyone. Age or disability does not prevent rape.

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MYTH:
Once someone says yes, you don't need to check again.

FACT:
Consent must be ongoing. People can change their minds at any time.

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MYTH:
If a person doesn't report rape immediately, then it probably didn't happen.

FACT:
Victims report when they are ready. Support and justice can happen anytime.

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MYTH:
People cry rape because they regret having sex.

FACT:
Evidence shows false reporting is extremely rare.

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MYTH:
If you are married or in a relationship, sex is expected.

FACT:
No one is obligated to have sex. Forcing sex is rape.

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MYTH:
Women shouldn't dress or act a certain way to avoid being raped.

FACT:
Clothing, behaviour, or lifestyle never means that a victim is 'asking for.'

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MYTH:
If they didn't fight back, it means they wanted it to happen.

FACT:
Freezing or silence can be a survival response.

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MYTH:
When both people have been drinking, it's not really rape.

FACT:
Someone who is unconscious, or very drunk, can't give informed consent. Having sex with someone who is incapacitated is rape.

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MYTH:
Rape always leaves physical visible injuries.

FACT:
Many victims have no visible injuries.

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MYTH:
Only gay men rape other men, and only gay men get raped.

FACT:
Rape is about power, not sexual orientation or attraction.

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