

Crime Prevention in Changing Times

Crime Prevention Week - November 1st to 7th, 2017

Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility



Preventing Sexualized Violence

Understanding Consent

Sexual activity without consent is sexual assault. Consent is the voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. An individual must actively and willingly give consent to sexual activity.

Consent:

- to one kind or instance of sexual activity does not mean that consent has been given to any other sexual activity or instance
- should never be assumed or implied
- is not silence or the absence of "no"
- cannot be given if an individual is impaired by alcohol or drugs, or unconscious
- can never be obtained through threats or coercion
- can be withdrawn at any time
- cannot be given if the perpetrator abuses a position of trust, power or authority
- cannot be given by anyone other than the person participating in the sexual activity

Additional Resources

VictimLink BC: Free and confidential services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in over 110 languages, providing crisis and referral information to victims of crime. 1-800-563-0808 or www.victimlinkbc.ca

BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General – If you are a victim of crime: provides information to victims and witnesses of crime, violence, or abuse. www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/bcs-criminal-justice-system/if-you-are-a-victim-of-a-crime

Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence: A free online course for service providers, friends, family members, neighbours, teachers, first responders, counselors, and anyone who is acting as a support person, or is concerned about sexual violence. (a Nova Scotia resource) www.breakthesilencens.ca

Changing the Story

The prevention of sexual assault has traditionally focused on getting women to change the way they conduct their daily lives to reduce risk, but men also play a role. Long term change requires men to stand up and challenge social norms, attitudes and behaviors that have created the climate for sexual violence.

- Educate yourself about interpersonal violence. Redirect conversations away from violence and stereotypical messages.
- Confront attitudes and behaviours that are inappropriate.
- Intervene if safe, or request assistance from others around or the police.

Supporting a friend who has been subjected to sexual violence



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