



What the White Ribbon Campaign Says About... Rape and Sexual Assault

Rape and sexual assault can take place in the home, at work, or on the street, by a stranger or (usually) someone the victim knows.

- Every year, 100 000 women are raped in England and Wales. That's almost 2,000 every week (Home Office 2008)
- 6.1 million women in England and Wales have been sexually assaulted in their lifetime (Home Office 2008)
- 1 in 5 teenage girls has been raped by a teenage boyfriend (Home Office 2008)
- About half of rapes are committed by a current or former partner (Home Office 2007)
- The rape conviction rate has decreased in 18 out of 43 police areas since 2004 (Fawcett)
- There are currently half the number of rape crisis centres as there were in 1984 (Women's Resource Centre 2006)

Why Some Men Rape and Sexually Assault:

- Perpetrators come from all social, economic, ethnic, and religious backgrounds
- Men who rape and commit sexual assault do so to gain power and control. It is not about sexual gratification

What All Men Can Do to Stop Rape and Sexual Assault:

- Wear a white ribbon - a pledge never to commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women
- Challenge the myth that women are ever partly to blame
- Support organisations such as [Fawcett](#), [Rape Crisis](#), and [Women's Aid](#)

**While some men are part of the problem,
all men can be part of the solution!**