



Get the Facts! Sexual Assault

Acts of sexual violence include acts such as fondling, sodomy, child molestation, incest, indecent exposure, sexual harassment and any other type of unwanted bodily contact for the purpose of sexual gratification by an offender. It is sexual assault also when someone touches any part of another person's body in a sexual way, even through clothes, without that person's consent.

Rape is a form of sexual violence committed by threat, or by force, and without consent in which a bodily orifice is penetrated by a genital organ of another person or a vaginal, urethral or anal orifice is penetrated by a body part of or an object wielded by another person.

The motivation for sexual violence is power and control; the offender humiliates, dominates and controls the victim.

One in three American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped in her lifetime.

Four out of five American Indian and Alaska Native women will be victims of a violent assault.

Non-Indian offenders commit an estimated 88% of all violent crimes against Indian women.

For American Indian and Alaska Native women, 75% of the intimate victimizations and 25% of the family victimizations involved an offender of a different race, a much higher percentage than among victims of all races as a whole.

According to a recent study by the Government Accounting Office, U.S. attorneys failed to prosecute 52% of all violent criminal cases occurring on Indian lands, and of those declined cases--67% were sexual abuse cases and 46% were assault cases.

In Alaska, the most recent FBI crime report reflects that Alaska has been the No. 1 state in the country for rape for 23 out of the past 30 years. Alaska's reported rate of rape per capita is 2.6 times the national average. Anchorage has the ninth-highest sexual assault rate of any city in the United States, and Fairbanks is ranked first, at 4.7 times the national average.

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