

FACTS ABOUT SEX OFFENDING BEHAVIOR

A True or False Quiz

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1) MOST SEX OFFENDERS DO NOT KNOW THEIR VICTIM.

● **FALSE**

Most offenders know their victim.

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2) CHILDREN RARELY MAKE UP STORIES OF ABUSE.



- **TRUE**

Media focuses disproportionately on the few cases where children have recanted.

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3) MOST CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS FIND THEIR VICTIMS BY FREQUENTING SUCH PLACES AS SCHOOLYARDS AND PLAYGROUNDS.



● **FALSE**

- The most frequent location for sexual abuse is in the home of the victim or the offender.

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4) ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS USE PHYSICAL FORCE OR THREAT TO GAIN COMPLIANCE FROM THEIR VICTIMS.



- **TRUE**
- Most offenders do not use threats or force due to the relationship they have established with the child.

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5) ONLY MEN COMMIT SEXUAL ASSAULT.



- **FALSE**

An increasing number of female sexual offenders are being convicted each year.

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6) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSERS ARE ONLY ATTRACTED TO CHILDREN AND ARE NOT CAPABLE OF APPROPRIATE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS.



- **FALSE**

Most child offenders are attracted to people their own age and many are in age appropriate relationships.

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7) VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ARE HARMED ONLY WHEN OFFENDERS USE PHYSICAL FORCE OR VIOLENCE.



- **FALSE**

The sense of betrayal and violation can leave long-lasting injuries.

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8) IF A CHILD DOES NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT THE ABUSE, IT IS BECAUSE HE/SHE WAS A WILLING PARTICIPANT.



- **FALSE**
- Children do not tell about abuse for many different reasons, such as fear and/or shame.

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9) IT IS COMMON FOR BOTH CHILD AND ADULT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT TO WAIT SOME TIME BEFORE TELLING SOMEONE ABOUT THE ABUSE.



- **TRUE**

- Many victims wait a good deal of time before they tell anyone about the abuse.

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**10) IT HELPS THE VICTIM TO TALK
ABOUT THE ABUSE WHEN THEY ARE
READY.**



- **TRUE**
- Supportive listening helps healing for abuse victims.

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11) IF SOMEONE SEXUALLY ASSAULTS AN ADULT, HE WILL NOT TARGET CHILDREN AS VICTIMS, AND IF SOMEONE SEXUALLY ASSAULTS A CHILD, HE WILL NOT TARGET ADULTS.

- **FALSE**

Research has shown that there is a significant number of offenders who have both adult and child victims.

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12) SEXUAL GRATIFICATION IS OFTEN NOT A PRIMARY MOTIVATION FOR A RAPE OFFENDER.

- **TRUE**

Many offenders seek power and control as a major motivation for their sexual assault.

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13) SEXUAL OFFENDERS COULD STOP THEIR OFFENDING BEHAVIOR ON THEIR OWN IF THEY WANTED TO.

- **FALSE**
- Sex offenders generally need the help of others to control their sexually abusive behaviors.

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14) MEN WHO RAPE, DO SO BECAUSE
THEY CANNOT FIND A CONSENTING
SEXUAL PARTNER.



- **FALSE**
- Many rape offenders are in relationships at the time of the offense.

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15) DRUGS AND ALCOHOL CAUSE SEXUAL OFFENSES TO OCCUR.



- **FALSE**
- Alcohol and drug abuse is seen as a disinhibitor for sex offenders, but it is not a cause of sexual abuse.

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16) VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OFTEN SHARE THE BLAME FOR THE ASSAULT.



- **FALSE**

- Victims are never to blame.

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17) IF A VICTIM DOES NOT SAY “NO”,
OR DOES NOT FIGHT BACK, IT IS
NOT CONSIDERED A RAPE.



- **FALSE**

There are a variety of reasons
victims may not say no or fight back.

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**18) FEWER THAN HALF OF RAPES AND
SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE EVER REPORTED
TO THE POLICE.**



- **TRUE**

- Department of Justice data reports that only 48% of rapes and sexual assaults are ever reported to police.

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19) THE NUMBER OF REPORTED RAPES CONTINUES TO GROW EACH YEAR



- **FALSE**
- Since 1993 the rate of reported rapes/sexual assaults has fallen by almost 70%.

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20) MOST REPORTED RAPES OCCUR BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 AM.



- **FALSE**
- The most common time period for rape to be reported as occurring is between 6:00 pm and Midnight.

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