

## FACT SHEET: SEXUAL VIOLENCE

### **WORLD**

- ❖ At the global level, the lifetime risk of attempted or completed rape is about 20% for women and 5–10% of for men. *World Health Organization, 2002*

### **UNITED STATES**

#### *General*

- ❖ Every two and a half minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted. *Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, n.d.*
- ❖ In 2007, there were 248,300 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault. *US Department of Justice, 2008*
- ❖ 1% of rape or sexual assaults were committed by an offender with a firearm. *US Department of Justice, 2008*
- ❖ In 2005, almost two-thirds of the rapes/sexual assaults occurred at night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. *US Department of Justice, n.d.*
- ❖ It is estimated that more than half of sexual assaults (58%) are not reported to police. *US Department of Justice, 2008*

#### *Age/Child Sexual Abuse*

- ❖ About 28% of rape victims are under age 18, and 74% are under age 30. *US Department of Justice, 2008*
- ❖ In 2007, there was one rape or sexual assault for every 1000 persons aged 12 or older. *US Department of Justice, 2008*
- ❖ 1 of 6 US women and 1 of 33 US men has experienced an attempted or completed rape as a child and/or an adult. *US Department of Justice, 1998*
- ❖ One of every seven victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement agencies were under age 6. *US Department of Justice, 2000*
- ❖ The median age of the victims of imprisoned sexual assaulters was less than 13 years old; the median age of rape victims was about 22 years. *US Department of Justice, n.d.*

#### *Consequences*

- ❖ Rates of drug, alcohol and tobacco use, are more than twice as high in girls who report physical or sexual dating violence than in girls who report no abuse. *Plichta, 1996*
- ❖ About 17% of victims of sexual assault develop disabling mental health and social problems. *Welch & Mason, 2007*

- ❖ It is estimated that less than 35% of survivors seek mental health services following sexual assault. *Ullman, 2007*

## **CALIFORNIA**

- ❖ There were 9,047 forcible rape crimes in California during 2007. *Crime in California, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, 2008*

## **INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE**

- ❖ In 2005, about seven in ten female rape or sexual assault victims stated the offender was an intimate, other relative, a friend or an acquaintance. *US Department of Justice. n.d.*
- ❖ About one in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. *Silverman, Raj, Mucci, L & Hathaway, 2001*

***If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, call the following number for crisis counseling, information and referrals: 1-800-656-HOPE***

**In LA County: 24 Hour Rape & Battering Hotlines: (626) 793-3385  
(310) 392-8381  
(213) 626-3393**

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