

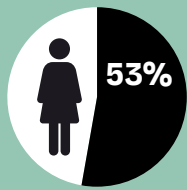


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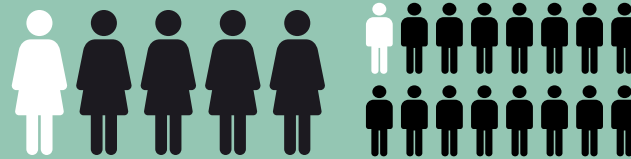
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Australians experience sexual violence at an alarming rate.



1 in 2 women (53%) and **1 in 4 men (25%)** have experienced sexual harassment during their lifetime.¹

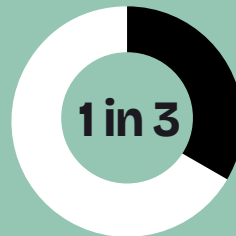


1 in 5 women (22%) and **1 in 16 men (6.1%)** have experienced sexual violence since the age of 15.²

Young women aged between **10 and 17 years old** are the most common victims of sexual assault. Young men aged between **15 and 19 years old** are the most common offenders of sexual assault.³

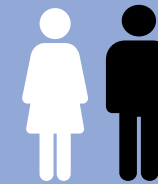


2 in 5 young women and **3 in 5 young men** reported using pornography as a source of information to learn about sex and sexual relationships in the last 12 months.⁴

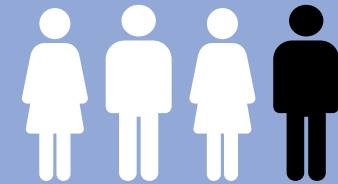


1 in 3 teenagers aged 18-19 reported at least one experience of intimate partner violence in the previous year.⁵

We want to create a shared understanding about consent.⁷

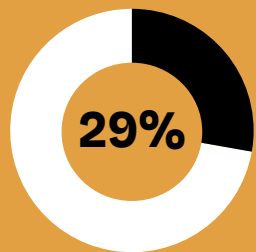


1 in 2 Australians (48%) are conflicted in their understanding of consent.

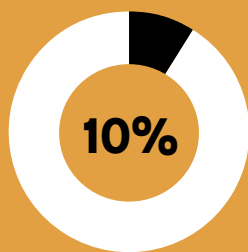


3 in 4 Australians (77%) agree that consent is a very important topic.

86% of people agree that adults should talk to young people about consent.



29% of young people agreed with the statement "when a man is very sexually aroused, he may not even realise that the women doesn't want to have sex".



10% of young people agree that women often say no when they actually mean yes.

Young people still hold problematic attitudes on consent and equality in relationships.⁶



10% of young men agree that if a woman is raped while drunk, she is partly responsible.

We can all help reduce sexual violence by getting on the same page about consent. The best way to do this is to learn about the issue and talk with others, so we can teach the next generation to have safe, healthy relationships.

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