Changing the Culture of Violence

2021 Sexual Assault Awareness Month

ASU Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Program
Overview

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Change the culture
- ASU Denim Day
Content ahead could be triggering.
Join us this April in supporting our community members who are victims and survivors of sexual and relationship violence. All month-long, Sun Devils raise awareness and share education about sexual assault and violence through a variety of events intended to educate and empower.
Consent is necessary because it cannot be implied from:

- one’s relationship status
- acceptance of gifts
- previous consent to sexual activity

Find resources and learn more at sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/saam.
Sexual Assault Awareness Month at ASU

It is more important than ever to unite as a community by practicing prevention and supporting survivors through our digital environments.

Find the full list of events at https://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/events
What to expect

- Online prevention events
- ASU Denim Day 2021
- Social media campaign
- Community connection
- Skill building

Like or follow @asusrvp to join in on the activities.
What can you do?

- Attend a Sexual Assault Awareness Month event.
- Have conversations about consent.
- Identify and address rape culture.
- Believe and support survivors.
- Know the resources.
Get involved!

Interested?
Email consent@asu.edu

Join the Sun Devil Support Network

Become a peer educator
Get involved!

Join us every Tuesday at 6 PM:
http://links.asu.edu/MVPMeeting
ASU Denim Day - April 14th

Wear denim as a visible sign of protest against the myths that still surround sexual assault.

In 1998, an Italian Supreme Court judge overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans, arguing that she would have had to help the perpetrator take them off and therefore it was not rape.
Debunk myths about sexual violence

After this case, denim became an international sign of protest against the myths that still surround sexual violence.

• Sexual violence is never a victim’s fault.
• The way someone dresses never implies consent.
• Alcohol can be a factor in sexual assault, but it is never the cause.
• Many victims and survivors know the assailant.
• Sexual violence is preventable. See something. Say something.
Words matter.

Hear something that could hurt?
Be the first to speak up.
Supporting Communities of Color

Due to higher rates of sexual violence in communities of color, support may look different due to intersecting stigmas of racism and survivorship.

- Institutional distrust, fear of affirming stereotypes placed on communities, and cultural beliefs may impact someone’s desire to reach out.

- Continue to develop your understanding of these communities and familiarize yourself with identity-specific resources while trying to foster safe spaces.
As a community, LGBTQ2s+ people face higher rates of sexual violence, along with higher rates of hate-motivated violence, which can often take the form of sexual assault.

- For survivors, the homophobia/transphobia they face from different resources and institutions may make them hesitant to seek help.
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Support survivors during COVID-19

Even as we continue to socially distance, there are ways to reach out and make a difference.

- If someone experiences sexual violence while the recommendations are to physically distance, avoid blaming or shaming anyone for not distancing.
- Affirm healthy norms by practicing respect and kindness, and healthy boundaries.
Other ways to support survivors

- Check in with your community using social media, texts, or video calls.
- If you are concerned about someone experiencing abuse or violence, express support privately and offer resources.
- Express support publicly to ensure that all survivors know they are valued and supported and to promote prevention.
Connect to resources

ASU’s Sexual Violence Awareness and Response Website
https://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu
ASU Police Department
ASU Police Victim Advocate - Confidential*
ASU Counseling Services - Confidential*
ASU Health Services – Confidential*
ASU Advocacy and Assistance
ASU Student Rights and Responsibilities
Title IX Student Coordinator
Sun Devil Support Network

*All faculty, staff and student employees are mandatory reporters unless noted above
More resources

RAINN National Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE
ASU Sun Devil Anonymous Hotline: 1-877-SUN-DEVL
Community-specific resources

HEART Women and Girls (Resources for Muslim women)
National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence
National Latino Network for Intimate Partner Violence
The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community
1 in 6 Support for Male-Identified Survivors
The Trevor Project
Take care of yourself, each other, and your community.