

of the victims then being further victimised by the legal system, of course; but I would encourage a person who has been raped or sexually assaulted, or their parents, to report and follow through, using the help of a rape crisis centre, sexual assault worker, or rape squad police officer.

SUGGESTED WORDS FOR PRESCHOOLERS & OVER



If there's no need to explain rape at these ages, fine. But if it comes up—if the child already knows how intercourse occurs, explaining rape is quite simple. If they do not, then explain how intercourse happens first, then go on to rape as forced intercourse.

1. You know how a man and a woman can have intercourse. The man's stiff penis can be put into the woman's vagina. Rape is what it is called if one person forces another to have sexual intercourse when they don't want to.
2. How can rape happen? A man can push his stiff penis into a woman's vagina.
3. How can a person be forced? They might be hit hard, or threatened, or maybe the bad person has a gun or knife.
4. If necessary to explain anal or oral rape: A man's stiff penis can be forced into the... (bottom) (back passage) of another person. A stiff penis can be forced into the mouth of another person.
5. Pack rape or gang rape is what it is called if several men force a person to have intercourse when they don't want to.
6. Rape is never OK. No one should ever be forced to have sex.

SUGGESTED WORDS FOR EIGHT-YEAR-OLDS & OVER



Repeat the information above. Information can be added about rape of males as well as females; that diseases can be transmitted by rape; and a bit more detail, as necessary.

1. Rape is a crime. It is a kind of violence, where one person is forced to have intercourse when they don't want to.
2. In some rapes, some kind of object like a stick or a bottle is stuck into the vagina or anus.
3. If the person doing the raping has a sexually transmitted disease, he can give it to the person he rapes.
4. Yes, men can be raped. They might have a penis or an object stuck up their backside, or in their mouth, or be forced to give oral sex.
5. Yes, children can be raped, just like grownups. No one knows why some crazy people pick children instead of grownups.
6. No one really knows why rape happens. There just seem to be some men

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who think they have the right to do it. They are actually criminals. Rape is a crime of violence, like beating someone up. People don't rape because they feel sexy. They rape because they feel like beating someone up, and this is the way they do it.

7. There are some ideas around, like in some old movies, that if a woman says NO to sex, she really means yes, and that the man should go ahead. Actually, if a person says NO, the other one should stop, and not force sex.

SUGGESTED WORDS FOR 10-YEAR-OLDS & OVER



The above information, plus detail as needed. Reinforce that everyone has the right to decide what kinds of sex they want to have, when and with whom; and that no one should be forced. Add some of the more common scenarios about where and with whom rape happens, as in the examples below. Kids are getting ready for sexual decision making, so include statements about how rape is never OK. They are also getting more independent, and will be out in the world more. See Chapter 14 for self protection measures.

1. It is called rape, or sexual assault, if a person has anything inserted into their vagina, anus or mouth against their will. One person might be the rapist, or there might be a group, or pack, of them.
2. Some men or young men think that it is OK to get a girl drunk, and then to have sex with her when she is unconscious or too drunk to defend herself or get away. That is rape, and it is a crime.
3. Sometimes a person on a date thinks they have the right to have sex with their date, and they force them. This is a crime called date rape.
4. Sometimes, a group of young men or men will force intercourse on another male. That is rape, too. Sometimes one male rapes another. It's still rape if the victim was forced.
5. Girls or women are more likely to be raped by someone they know than by a stranger. Rape can happen in your own home. It can also be by someone you know at school, on a date, or even a group you know.
6. There are a few people who look for children to rape. We don't know why they are like that.
7. Rape can be very difficult for people to get over. It's a bad crime, and really hurts people. They have a hard time trusting people again, and may have real problems having sex with their own husband or boyfriend or girlfriend. Rape is not just like having intercourse. It is a crime of violence.
8. We don't like to think about it, but girls can get sexually assaulted when they are on dates. And sometimes schoolboys, or blokes in a pub will get together and find a girl to rape. Pack rape happens at parties, especially if people have been drinking a lot. It's still a crime, and a bad one. Young people need to know it can happen, and take steps to keep themselves and