

# END VIOLENCE TOGETHER

## For The Dignity Of Every Woman

### DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND ACQUAINTANCE RAPE

You may have heard about “rape drugs” – drugs that attackers give to women to make them unconscious so that they can rape them more easily. These exist, but in fact the most common “rape drug” is alcohol.

- In a survey of students’ actions in regards to drinking games:<sup>i</sup>
  - 35% of men have tried to get someone else drunk during a drinking game in hopes of having sexual intercourse with them later
  - 27% of men have tried to kiss someone who did not want to be kissed after playing a drinking game
  - 24% of men have taken advantage of someone sexually after playing drinking games with them
  - 23% of men have had sex with someone who was too drunk to give consent after playing drinking games
  - 30% of men have touched someone on the breast or genitals without first getting their consent after playing a drinking game
  - 7% of women have touched someone on the breast or genitals without first getting their consent after playing a drinking game
  - 35% of women felt that someone took advantage of them sexually after playing a drinking game with them
  - 3% of men felt that someone took advantage of them sexually after playing a drinking game with them
- In cases of acquaintance rape on college campuses, 75% of male students and 55% of female students had been drinking or using drugs at the time of the assault.<sup>ii</sup>

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