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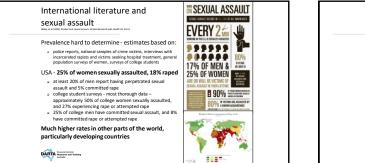
Harvey Weinstein scandal highlighted how powerful men have been able to assault women and get away with it. Men also came forward to tell similar stories



Sexual assault and harassment in the Australian media

Australia has not escaped – with high profile men being accused of 'inappropriate behaviour'











in sexual assault?

Important to look at the effect that alcohol ha on both the perpetrator and victim. For a long time, society had a problem 'disentangling' drunken sex from assault ... that has changed



"Knowing that alcohol contributes to sexual assault does not diminish a perpetrator's responsibility. Men are morally and legally responsibile for sexual assaults that they commit, regardless of whether or not they were intoxicated. Although women's alcohol consumption may increase their likelihood of experiencing sexual assault, this does not make them responsible for the man's behaviour. Women can empower themselves by identifying actions which may put them at risk, without feeling responsible."



Need to distinguish between causality and responsibility

Times are changing - no longer able to simply blame the alcohol" if a man commits this crime or say that it is up to the woman to 'not drink as much' ...



















How can parents support young women in this area?

Cultural change - particularly around victim blaming

- discuss risks around drinking alcohol and air corems you may have about what they wear and what they do
 watch what you say be wary of reinforcing shaming culture
 make others ware when they say 'the worge thing' don't just let it pass it's not okay to say those things
- Discuss consent what it means and how it is negotiated
- Discuss simple safety strategies when socializing

- Joking after your mates—site together and don't let friends go off on their own or leave them behind of designated don't let friends divergenated don't let when no one is driving, make sure there is at least one sober person in the group encurace young women to discuss expectations of friends -i.e. provide your good the person in the part when is it inappropriate?





