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## RAPE: NOT BY STRANGERS ONLY

People associate rape with sinister strangers who break into homes or lurk in isolated areas. And yet, two-thirds of all rapes are committed by men who know their victims. They include friends, lovers, co-workers, neighbors, relatives, classmates, and casual acquaintances.

Statistics documented by Syndistar Inc., in the development of **RAPE: NOT BY STRANGERS ONLY** show that one out of three women will be confronted by a rapist in her lifetime. The FBI reported more than 86,000 cases of sexual assault last year. All women are at risk. A woman who thinks that rape could never happen to her will be more vulnerable to harm than a woman who recognizes and takes control of dangerous situations in her own life.

The Community Resource Development (CRD) program staff of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service is concerned that adequate data and awareness be made available to residents of the Commonwealth. **RAPE: NOT BY STRANGERS ONLY** takes an honest look at the current sexual climate and demolishes common myths and stereotypes. With scenarios taken from actual cases, this slide presentation identifies the four stages of acquaintance rape, analyzes the personality of the would-be rapist, describes the right of women to set their own limits, and then recommends specific precautionary measures.

### Suggested Uses:

To provide select audiences with accurate, current knowledge of precautionary measures against rapists. To provide an educational program to serve as an introduction piece for audience discussion.

### Recommended For:

Community and corporate prevention and rehabilitation programs, schools, colleges and universities, and 4-H youth programs.

### Producers

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## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, **RAPE: NOT BY STRANGERS ONLY** suggests that both MEN and WOMEN should take responsibility for a healthy relationship - where they go, what they do, how each person feels, and the degree of intimacy they want to achieve. The effectiveness of **RAPE: NOT BY STRANGERS ONLY** depends in part on the presenter's knowledge of the material. It is important that the presenter be able to respond to questions from the viewing audience.

Detailed questions concerning any form of crime or rape prevention programs should be directed to your local police or sheriff's department. Please consult your local Extension office for additional crime prevention resources made available by the CRD program.



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