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MALE RAPE

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Rape of males by males

Male rape is far more common than generally supposed, research from the UK suggests that almost 3% of men reported a non-consensual sexual experience as adults and over 5% of men reported sexual abuse as a child. This does not take into account the likelihood of under reporting. Recognition of male on male rape in law has historically been limited; the first successful prosecution for attempted male on male rape in the UK was not until 1995.

Rape of males by females

Non statutory female on male rape is widely, but incorrectly, considered impossible because male erectile response is seen as voluntary, when, in fact, it is involuntary. Fear, anger, anxiety, and non-arousal have been cited as factors in being unable to obtain an erection. Therefore, male victims of rape by females often face social, political, and legal double standards. Though studies show otherwise, female rapists are usually seen as less culpable than male rapists by the courts due to these misconceptions. Those who do not understand the law in many jurisdictions fail to realize that the forcible penetration of a male by a foreign object or a digit also constitutes the same crime. Since rape by females is much less well known than male-female rape, male victims of female rapists often find little support from support services.

Due to these reasons, and the difficulties and comparative rarity of female on male rape compared to other forms of rape, it is likely to be substantially under reported.

Women can also commit an act of rape with force or deception to make an adolescent male engage in a non consensual penetrative sexual act. This may involve their own child or children, which is incest. Several widely publicized cases of female to male





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statutory rape in the United States involved school teachers raping their teenage male students under their (legally invalid) consent.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Esteem:** 08453 887823 (24 hour)
07825 220232
01872 226981
andrew@esteemmen.co.uk
www.esteemmen.co.uk
- Victim Support Cornwall:** 08450 567999
- Victim Support Male Helpline:** 0800 328 3263
(Mon – Fri 10am to 4pm)
- www.survivors.org: 0845 122 1201
(Mon, Tue, Thur 7pm – 10pm)
- Cornwall Rape & Abuse Centre:** 01872 262100
help@crasac.co.uk
Area Office
The Leats
Truro TR1 3AH
(Mon, Tue 8.30am – 6pm)
- www.cornwallsurvivors.org.uk





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www.bacp.co.uk

www.aest.org.uk

Peace of Mind Therapeutic Centre:

Chyenhal
Drift
Penzance TR19 6AN
joballard@peaceofmind.freeserve.co.uk
01736 731038
(Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Sat 9am – 7pm)

Counsellors:

Tim Howsley
07970 017590
tim.howsley@virgin.net
£35 per hour plus concessions

Maggie Mealy
07837 311643
Magi@mealy.freeserve.co.uk
£35 per hour

