

# WHO ARE THE SURVIVORS & VICTIMS?

## Cis & Transgender Men & Women

- 81% OF CISGENDER WOMEN REPORT SEXUAL ASSAULT OR HARASSMENT WHILE 1 IN 5 REPORT RAPE OR ATTEMPTED RAPE
- 43% OF CISGENDER MEN REPORT SEXUAL ASSAULT OR HARASSMENT WHILE 1 IN 71 MEN REPORT RAPE OR ATTEMPTED RAPE
- WHILE MORE DATA IS NEEDED, WE KNOW THAT AT LEAST 47% OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE EXPERIENCE SOME SORT OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME
- TRANSGENDER PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE FROM 53% OF BLACK TRANSGENDER PEOPLE TO 65% OF AMERICAN INDIAN TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

## Children & Teens

- CHILDREN AND TEENS ARE AT THE HIGHEST RISK OF SEXUAL ABUSE
- 12.3% OF FEMALE VICTIMS WERE FIRST RAPED WHEN THEY WERE 10 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER
- 27.8% OF MALE VICTIMS WERE FIRST RAPED WHEN THEY WERE 10 YEARS OR YOUNGER
- MOST OF THE TIME, THE CHILD KNOWS THEIR ABUSER
- AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE CHILDREN HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES OF VICTIMIZATION
- BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN HAVE THE SECOND HIGHEST RATES OF VICTIMIZATION
- LGBTQ+ CHILDREN AND TEENS ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SEX TRAFFICKING DUE TO THE UNIQUE VULNERABILITIES THEY FACE

## People of Color

- WOMEN OF COLOR GENERALLY EXPERIENCE HIGHER RATES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE THAN OTHER DEMOGRAPHICS
- MULTIRACIAL WOMEN EXPERIENCE THE HIGHEST RATES OF RAPE AT 33.5%, FOLLOWED BY NATIVE WOMEN AT 26.9%
- 35% OF BLACK WOMEN WILL EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF CONTACT SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THERE LIFETIME

## LGBTQ+ Community

- 46% OF BISEXUAL WOMEN HAVE BEEN RAPED COMPARED TO 17% OF STRAIGHT WOMEN
- 44 PERCENT OF LESBIANS AND 61 PERCENT OF BISEXUAL WOMEN EXPERIENCE RAPE, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, OR STALKING BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER
- 26 PERCENT OF GAY MEN AND 37 PERCENT OF BISEXUAL MEN EXPERIENCE RAPE, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, OR STALKING BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER

## Disabled Community

- MORE THAN 90% OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WILL EXPERIENCE SEXUAL ABUSE AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES
- 49% WILL EXPERIENCE 10 OR MORE ABUSIVE INCIDENTS

## Incarcerated People

- MORE THAN 200,000 PRISONERS ARE SEXUALLY ABUSED IN THE UNITED STATES EVERY YEAR
- ONE IN 10 FORMER STATE PRISONERS REPORTED AT LEAST 1 INSTANCE OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION DURING THEIR LAST INCARCERATION

# WHO ARE THE PERPETRATORS?

There is no single description for a perpetrator just like there is not for survivors. Anyone could be a perpetrator of sexual violence; perpetrators also come from all ages, genders, races, sexualities, religious faiths, etc.

However, the most commonly reoccurring offender of sexual violence tends to be male, white, and over the age of 30, according to RAINN.

While perpetrators of sexual violence can be anyone, there is a common misconception that they are "scary men hiding in alleys" or strangers in bars waiting to drug a woman's unattended drink. Although these scenarios certainly occur, research shows that:

- 8 out of 10 rapes are committed by someone known to the victim or survivor
  - 33% of these are perpetrated by a former/current romantic partner
- 93% of child and teen sexual abuse cases reported to law enforcement were committed by someone the child or teen knew
  - 59% were acquaintances
  - 34% were family members

Does this mean we cannot trust anyone? Certainly not. What these statistics conclude is that we cannot blindly or unconditionally trust someone others simply because of their relationship to us or the children in our lives. The primary steps in prevention are to educate ourselves and others and to enforce as many healthy boundaries as possible.