National Guard Bureau’s Joint Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program
Bystander Intervention Training
1. A Climate of Change in Sexual Assault Prevention

2. What Every Bystander Needs to Know

3. Actions a Bystander Can Take
Key Point 1

A Climate of Change in Sexual Assault Prevention
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Section Summary
The solution is to create an EMPOWERING CLIMATE.

One where we:

1. Become more aware of the issues surrounding sexual violence
2. Agree that we will not display or tolerate any behavior that even potentially facilitates sexual violence
What Every Bystander Needs to Know

- Definition of Sexual Assault
- Understanding Roles in Sexual Assault Scenarios
- Challenges for the Bystander
DoD Definition of Sexual Assault
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Sexual assault is a crime.
DoD Definition of Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.
DoD Definition of Sexual Assault

Sexual assault includes:

- Rape,
- Nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex),
- Indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or
- Attempts to commit these acts.
DoD Definition of Sexual Assault

Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.
DoD Definition of Sexual Assault

“Consent” shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.
What Every Bystander Needs to Know
Was it Sexual Assault?

What Every Bystander Needs to Know
Understanding Roles in Sexual Assault Scenarios
Perpetrator

- Behaviors are often premeditated and manipulative
- Lacks empathy
- Does not filter information the same way others do
- No standard “profile”
- A small percentage of society—but does a LOT of damage
Victim

- No standard “profile”
- Many freeze up during an assault
- Often blames him/herself

We must never cloud the issue of who is REALLY at fault. The ONLY person to blame is the person who committed the crime—the perpetrator.
Facilitator

- Rarely part of the actual assault
- Assist perpetrators with the setup
- Often don’t realize the perpetrator is a sexual predator
Bystander

- Most of us are bystanders
- Not usually involved in the setup, but are present and aware
- Have the ability to assess situations and go with “gut instinct”

The bystander role is CRUCIAL in sexual assault prevention!
What Every Bystander Needs to Know
Who was in which role?
Challenges for the Bystander
Army Values
Loyalty
Duty
Respect
Selfless Service
Honor
Integrity
Personal Courage

Air Force Core Values
Integrity first
Service before self
Excellence in all we do
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Key Point 3

Actions Bystanders Can Take

- Identifying Problem Behaviors
- Using the Four-Step Decision Making Process
- Responding to Victims of Sexual Assault
Identifying Problem Behaviors
Actions Bystanders Can Take
Using the Four-Step Decision-Making Process

- Step 1: Are you safe?
- Step 2: Direct or indirect action?
- Step 3: What are your options for action?
- Step 4: Take action
Discussion

• Step 1: Are you safe?
• Step 2: Direct or indirect action?
• Step 3: What are your options for action?
• Step 4: Take action
Responding to Victims of Sexual Assault

1. Believe the victim

2. Explain available resources and reporting options
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Presentation Summary

1. A Cultural Change in Sexual Assault Prevention
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YOU are critical to combating sexual assault in the Guard. The new cultural change begins with YOU.