

Men's Pledge To End Rape

Because:

I believe that rape will not end until men become part of the solution:

I take pride in myself as a man;

I care about the women in my life;

I am angry that people I know have been hurt;

I know that more than one woman is raped every minute in this country;

I understand that rape is a crime of violence against a woman's body, a woman's emotional well-being, and a woman's right to do with their bodies what they choose;

I recognize that men and women will not be equal until rape ends;

I know that happiness between men and women is difficult in a world where rape exists;

I accept my responsibility to assist in making this a safer world.

I Pledge To:

Speak about my anger about rape;

Talk with other men about rape;

Look at how men are raised that helps create and perpetuate a culture where rape is possible;

Interrupt sexist and rape jokes;

Support laws that encourage men to take responsibility for ending rape;

Listen to women friend's fears and concerns for their safety;

Pay attention to cries for help;

Challenge images of violence against women in advertising and pornography;

Encourage women to be strong and powerful;

Recognize that cooperation is power;

Examine my behaviors and actions and change whatever I am doing that helps create a climate where rape is possible;

Support women and men working to end rape.

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