

HOW IS RAPE  
CULTURE BEING  
PERPETUATED?

AND HOW CAN WE STOP IT

# VICTIM BLAME

EXAMPLE: saying, "look what she was wearing, what do you expect."

IDEA TO SAY TO THAT: saying, "it is never the victim's fault, no matter what they were or weren't wearing."

# MAKING EXCUSES

EXAMPLE: saying, "boys will be boys."

IDEA OF WHAT TO DO INSTEAD: saying, "it is never ok to rape, no matter who is the aggressor or victim."

# BEING "OK" WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR NOT DOING ANYTHING

EXAMPLE: if you see sexual harassment happening and not standing up or saying "it's not a big deal."

IDEAS TO DO INSTEAD: saying, "sexual harassment is not ok"

# SAYING "WHY" VICTIM IS AT FAULT

(similar to victim blame)

EXAMPLE: "they (victim) were drunk... if they weren't it probably wouldn't happen."

It is NOT the victim's fault they were raped.

# JOKING ABOUT RAPE

EXAMPLE: saying, "why are girls so scared of rape? A guy just risked their life in jail for them." (I have heard this joke before).

OTHER OPTIONS: do not joke about it, it is not funny. Don't laugh if you hear someone else making a rape joke, even if you are uncomfortable. You could try explaining why it is not funny and why you shouldn't joke about it.

# HOW TO STOP RAPE PERPETUATION

- 1) Do not victim blame. If you hear someone victim blaming, try standing up for the victim.
- 2) Do not make excuses for the rapist. There is no excuses for raping.
- 3) Take sexual harassment seriously and do something about it.
- 4) Stop saying why the victim is at fault. It is not there fault they were raped.
- 5) Stop making jokes about rape, it isn't funny. Joke about other things.
- 6) Take rape seriously, it is not a joke so do not joke about it.