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BYSTANDER AWARENESS

Bystander intervention is the act of feeling empowered and equipped with the knowledge and skills to effectively assist in the prevention of sexual violence.¹

Active bystanders are individuals who intervene in ways that assist the individual(s), and contribute to a positive outcome.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT SEXUAL ASSAULT?

RECOGNIZE that sexual violence may occur or is occurring. Common signs include intimidation, humiliation, and physical injury.

IDENTIFY that the potential victim is at risk and that intervention is appropriate.

DECIDE whether or not to take responsibility to intervene, and/or the most appropriate and safest way to intervene.

IMPLEMENT the decision to intervene safely to diffuse the situation.

¹ <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2040>



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