



MENHEALING

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TRUE FACTS AND COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT MALE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

PART 1

Here is a sample of what *IS* true and what is *NOT* true about boys and men who have experienced sexual assault in their lifetimes.

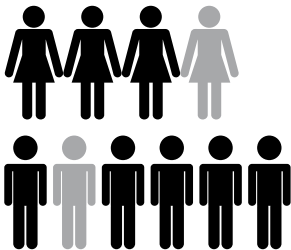


TRUE

Boys are as vulnerable to sexual victimization as girls. And no matter how old a man or a woman is, perpetrators can be bigger, stronger or in positions of greater power than the person they seek out.

NOT TRUE

Boys and men can't be victims of sexual assault because males can protect themselves.



TRUE

The current understanding is that 1 in every 4 girls and 1 in every 6 boys experience sexual victimization before the age of 18.

NOT TRUE

Boys and men are sexually abused less frequently than girls and women.

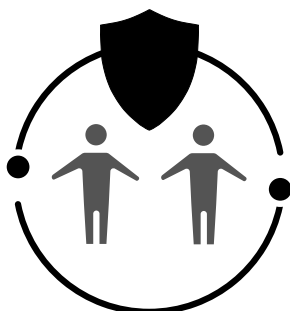


TRUE

There is no evidence that boys or men who have been sexually assaulted by a male are at risk of becoming homosexual ("gay").

NOT TRUE

Boys or men who have sexually victimized will become homosexual.



TRUE

Sexual victimization of boys by an older female is never a rite of passage regardless of how the culture may portray it. It is the responsibility of all adults to protect children from harm.

NOT TRUE

Sexual acts forced upon a boy by an older girl or an adult woman is "just a rite of passage."

