### PREVENTING RAPE BY NTOXICATION

- Face the facts: If she's wasted, intoxicated, asleep, or unconscious, she cannot give legal consent, even if she said "yes."
- Face the law: Rape by intoxication is a serious felony that can carry 8 years in state prison
- If your friend tries to take advantage of a woman who is too intoxicated or passed out, tell him to stop and explain that it's illegal and not right
- Pay attention to the warning signs including: slurred speech, staggered walk, lack of motor skills, loud speech, vomiting, passing out, falling asleep, and unconsciousness

#### **PROTECTING YOURSELF**

- Stay with your trusted friends at all times
- Have a safety plan for you and each member of your group to get home
- Drink responsibly binge drinking is dangerous to your health, and could make you the perfect target for a sexual assault
- Decide ahead of time how much you can safely drink while maintaining your good judgment. Stick to that limit.
- Don't accept a drink that is open, as you risk ingesting a date rape drug
- · Never leave an intoxicated friend unattended, and make sure that you can count on the same for you. Help your friend by giving her water to prevent dehydration, and putting her on her side to avoid chocking on vomit. If symptoms worsen, call 911 as she could have alcohol poisoning
- Always lock your doors and windows, and if you are looking after a friend, make sure that doors and windows are locked before you leave

#### **GETTING HELP AS A VICTIM**

- Call 911 if the crime just occurred, or call police or Sheriff dispatch to report the crime
- Call a crisis hotline to get help
- Preserve evidence: don't bathe, douche, urinate, eat, drink, smoke, gargle, brush teeth, chew gum
- · Don't wash any clothing
- Understand this is NOT your fault; there's a whole network of professionals ready to help you



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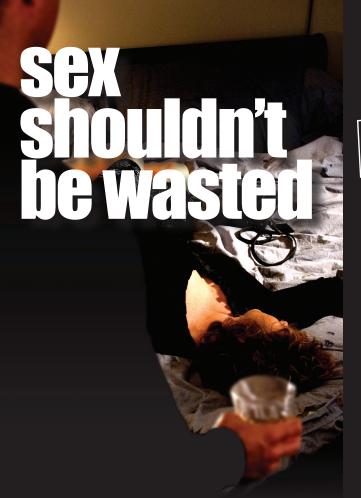


PREVENTING RAPE BY INTOXICATION THROUGH COMMUNITY EDUCATION

A coalition including the San Diego County District Attorney, universities, colleges, military, SDPD, Sheriff, SART, and the Center for Community Solutions.

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Rape by intoxication is a growing crime, particularly among 18-25 year olds. In an unprecedented collaboration, the San Diego County District Attorney, San Diego Police Department, Sheriff, colleges, universities, the military, the Center for Community Solutions/Rape Trauma Center, and the Sexual Assault Response Team have teamed together to form the PRICE Coalition (Preventing Rape by Intoxication through Community Education). PRICE grew out of the need to do something about this crime that destroys promising lives. Through education and action, we can stop lives from being derailed from rape by intoxication.

# NEITHER SHOULD YOUR LIFE.

A 22 year-old university student goes out with her friends one night and drinks way too much. She wakes up the next morning, violated and frightened, only remembering small bits and pieces of the night before. What she does remember was the face of a man on top of her. She was so intoxicated that she was unable to resist. Now, she worries that she might be pregnant or infected with an STD. She wonders where her friends went. She has become another victim of a serious felony...

### **RAPE BY INTOXICATION**

The weapon was not a gun or a knife, but a heavy dose of alcohol or drugs. She calls the cops, who identify the suspect as a student from her school. He, too, was out for a night of fun with his friends. After a night of dancing and heavy flirting, he was sure she said she wanted to have sex with him... even though she was wasted and nearly passed out.

Fact is, a woman cannot give legal consent if she's too intoxicated, asleep or unconscious, no

matter what happened before that point. If he is convicted, what started as a fun night out could turn into an 8 year sentence in state prison. The stark reality is that rape by intoxication destroys lives for both the man, who now has a criminal record, and the woman who has to live with the memory of the assault and effects of the assault for the rest of her life.

## **Don't let it happen, and look out for your friends.**

Looking out for your friends is a key component in preventing rape by intoxication. It means not leaving your drunk girlfriend alone at a bar, or in a room. For guys, it means looking out for your friend and making sure he does not have sex with a woman who, by law, cannot consent.

Recognize the warning signs, and always look out for your friends. And, if you or someone you know has been the victim of a sexual assault, know that there are resources available to help. Together, we can prevent rape by intoxication.