

Sexual Abuse & Assault: Fact or Myth Quiz

Test your knowledge:

1. Child molesters typically use physical force and / or threats to gain compliance from their victims.
Fact? Myth?
2. Most child molesters find their victims by frequenting such places as school yards and playgrounds; therefore all parents should be extremely concerned for their children's safety in such places.
Fact? Myth?
3. Most child molesters are "dirty old men."
Fact? Myth?
4. Child molesters are only attracted to children, and therefore, are not capable of engaging in appropriate sexual relationships with consenting adults.
Fact? Myth?
5. Victims of child molestation are harmed only when offenders use force to make victim have sex with them.
Fact? Myth?
6. Children often lie by making up stories about sexual abuse.
Fact? Myth?
7. If a child doesn't tell anyone about the sexual abuse, then she/he must have liked it.
Fact? Myth?
8. Children generally recover from the effects of sexual abuse on their own. It is best to keep the abuse a secret, so that they don't have to endure talking to anyone else about it.
Fact? Myth?
9. A rape offender commits his offense for sexual gratification.
Fact? Myth?
10. Offenders could stop their sexually offending behavior on their own, if only they really wanted to stop. All it takes is the desire to do so.
Fact? Myth?
11. Men who rape do so because they cannot find a consenting partner.
Fact? Myth?
12. Some men rape because they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
Fact? Myth?
13. If a rape victim doesn't fight back, then she/he must have enjoyed it.
Fact? Myth?
14. If a rape victim does not say "no", then she/he must have enjoyed it.
Fact? Myth?

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All fourteen questions / statements from the quiz are Myths.

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| 1. Child Molesters typically use physical force and/or threats to gain compliance from their victims. | 1. Only 10-15% of child molesters use force or threats. |
| 2. Most Child molesters find their victims by frequenting such places as school yards and playgrounds; therefore, all parents should be extremely concerned for their children's safety in such places. | 2. Most child molesters offend against children they know and/or with whom they have a relationship. |
| 3. Most if child molesters are “dirty old men.” | 3. Majority of sex offenders are men, typically in their late 20's/early 30's and lead average life styles. |
| 4. Child molesters are only attracted to children, and, therefore, are not capable of engaging in appropriate sexual relationships with consenting adults. | 4. Most child molesters fall into 2 categories: Regressive offenders are primarily interested in adults but regress and seek inappropriate comfort from a child. They represent the majority of molesters. Fixated child molesters (about 35%) are attracted to children as their primary sexual interest. |
| 5. Victims of child molestation are harmed only when offenders use force to make the victim have sex with them. | 5. Victims can suffer many forms of physical and emotional harm including fear, shame, guilt, embarrassment, and rejection. |
| 6. Children often lie by making up stories of sexual abuse. | 6. Cases of children making up stories are rare. |
| 7. If a child doesn't tell anyone about the sexual abuse, then he/she must have liked it. | 7. Children won't tell because they are ashamed, afraid, protective of parents, afraid they will be blamed. |
| 8. Children generally recover from the effects of abuse on their own. It is best to keep abuse a secret, so that they don't have to endure talking to anyone else about it. | 8. The level of trauma that is incurred is based on many factors. With appropriate support, children can work through their trauma. |
| 9. A rape offender commits his offense for sexual gratification. | 9. Rape is not about sex, but rather, anger, control, and power. |

10. Offenders could stop their sexually offending behavior on their own, if only they really wanted to stop. All it takes is the desire to do so.

11. Men who rape do so because they cannot find a consenting partner.

12. Some men rape because they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

13. If a rape victim doesn't fight back, then she/he must have enjoyed it.

14. If a rape victim does not say "no", then she/he must have enjoyed it.

10. Sex offenders are not able to stop their offending on their own.

11. Most rape offenders are married or have relationships with consenting adults.

12. Some offenders may be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol which may lower their inhibitions, but it cannot be blamed or used as an excuse for rape.

13. Many victims do not fight back out of fear.

14. Victims often do not say no for a variety of reasons including fear of being killed or severely injured.