

## Fact Sheet

# Facts

- In Australia a person is not regarded as having freely agreed to, or consented to a sexual act, just because they did not protest, physically resist or sustain injury
- Sexual assault is about power, control and humiliation; it is not about sex
- Sexual assault happens to people of all ages, race, ethnic background, social and economic status, gender or sexual orientation
- Being sexually assaulted will not change your sexual orientation
- Queensland recorded over 17100 reports of sexual assault in 2011-2012
  - Over 8430 were men
  - 2043 were in QLD
- Sexual assault is a unique crime in that it is most often carried out in private, is shrouded in secrecy and involves a victim who often blames himself or herself
- Sexual assault, like all acts of violence, is a violation of personal integrity and human rights; it is a crime
- Sexual assault is **NEVER** the victim's fault

Queensland Police Service (2012) Statistical Review 2011-2012 Brisbane

4530.0 - Crime Victimization, Australia, 2010-11

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4510.0Main+Features12011?OpenDocument>

Insights into sexual assault perpetration: Giving voice to victim/survivors' knowledge

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/institute/pubs/resreport18/rr18.pdf>

Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/acssa/>