

Alcohol and Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault in Wisconsin



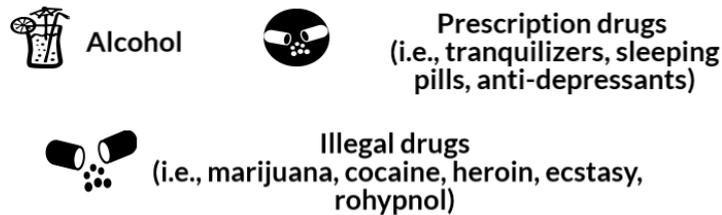
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What is Alcohol and Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault?

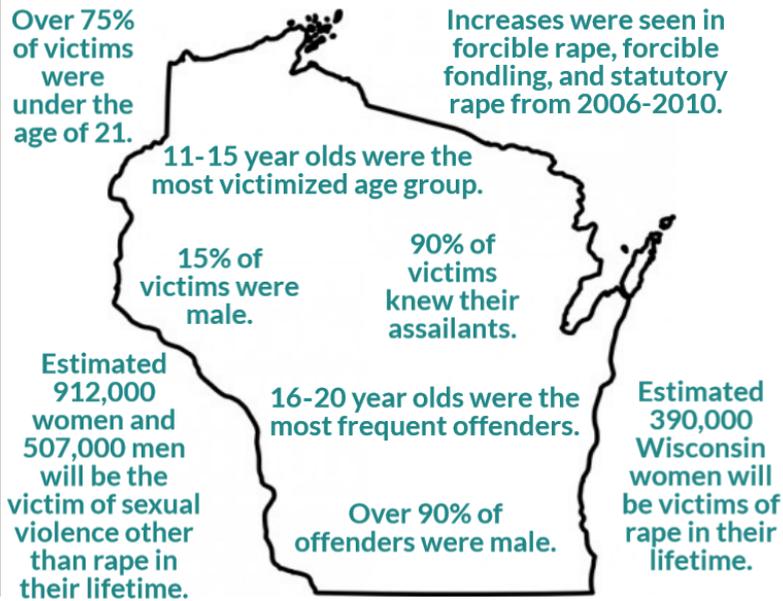
Sexual assault that occurs while the victim is under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, passed out, or otherwise incapacitated.

- Perpetrator targets victims who have voluntarily consumed alcohol or other drugs
- Perpetrator intentionally forces victim to consume drugs or alcohol without his or her knowledge

Several drugs can be used to facilitate sexual assault



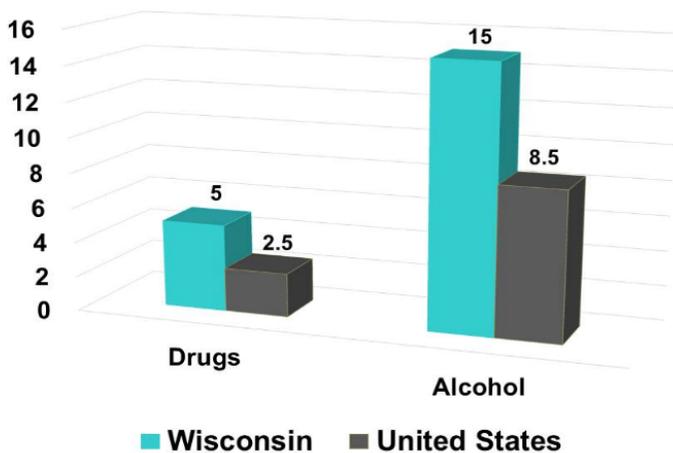
4,857 Sexual Assaults Reported to Law Enforcement in Wisconsin in 2010 (85.9 per 100,000 residents)



In Summary

Sexual assault has been called a silent epidemic with the highest victim costs of any crime. It occurs at high rates and has significant mental health effects, yet is rarely reported to the authorities. Sexual assaults are sexual acts committed against someone who does not or is unable to freely consent. Sexual assaults encompass a wide range of incidents, from rapes to less physically injurious sexual contact. Alcohol and drugs play a role as one of many tools a perpetrator can use to facilitate sexual assaults. Sexual assault is never the victim's fault even if drug and alcohol use are involved. Perpetrators are 100% responsible for their actions. For further sexual assault resources contact the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault at www.wcasa.org.

Rape Perpetrators 2012: % Using Alcohol or Other Drugs at Time of Offense



Perpetrators of rape in Wisconsin were twice as likely to use drugs and almost twice as likely to use alcohol at the time of the offense compared to national rates.

Fast Facts

- Nationally, the range of economic costs for one survivor of sexual assault is \$87,000-\$240,776. These costs include medical, mental health, law enforcement, lost productivity, and other victim services.
- Survivors of sexual assault are more likely than non-victims to develop substance use disorders, with college survivors reporting the highest rates.
- It is estimated that only 12% of survivors of sexual assault on college campuses report to law enforcement. 285 sexual assaults were reported to University of Wisconsin System police in 2012.
- The most common drug used in college campus sexual assaults is alcohol. Of all victims impaired by substances at time of assault, 89% had used alcohol.
- Over 50% of survivors of alcohol/drug-facilitated sexual assault in the U.S. developed Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in their lifetime.
- It is estimated that 43% of women and 43% of men in the U.S. who are raped in their lifetime will have the act facilitated by the use of alcohol or other drugs.

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