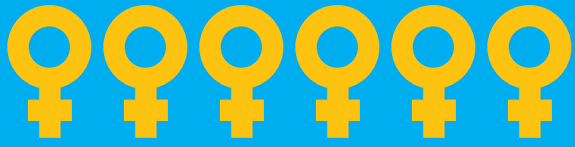


Intentional Drugging and Sexual Assault

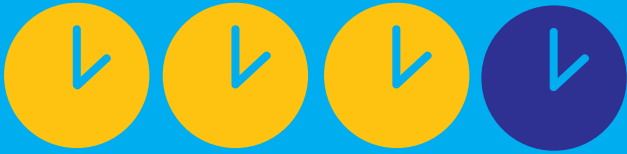
1 in 5 victims of sexual assault believes they were intentionally drugged.

Victim Facts

almost all are female



3 in 4 delay seeking help for over 12hrs



1 in 3 use prescription drugs such as anti-depressants (within the 72hrs before the assault)



half are assaulted by a friend or acquaintance



2 in 3 suspect they were drugged through a drink



71% are uncertain about what happened

46% are injured in the assault

The most common unexpected drugs found were:

marijuana (40%)
cocaine (32%) and
amphetamines (14%)

*No rohypnol was found

Immediately before the attack, 31% are socializing at a club, bar, lounge or restaurant

Another 25% are at a party or other social event

Compared with other sexual assault victims, victims of intentional drugging and sexual assault are more likely to:

be employed

64%

VS

43%

drink alcohol (immediately before the assault)

88%

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59%

use over-the-counter medicine such as cough syrup (within the 72hrs before the assault)

26%

VS

8%

use street drugs such as marijuana and/or cocaine (within the 72hrs before the assault)

27%

VS

20%

All of the data presented here are from these articles, which are freely available online:

Du Mont J, et al., Factors associated with suspected drug-facilitated sexual assault, CMAJ, (2009), doi: 10.1503/cmaj.080570
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