

## YOUNG PERSONS... WHERE DO YOU STAND?



"I'm still studying, violence against women only happens to older people. Why should I care?"

**LING**  
FORM 4 STUDENT



"Malaysian women are already advanced. Violence won't happen if they stand firm!"

**FENDY**  
COLLEGE STUDENT



"I've seen my neighbour beat his wife, I want to help but do not know how... Is this VAW?"

**JACK**  
FORM 4 STUDENT



"My guy friends like to comment on my body... they say I'm sexy but I don't like the way they say it. Should I feel proud or embarrassed?"

**LISA**  
PART-TIMER AT FAST FOOD OUTLET

## YOUNG PERSONS... WHAT CAN YOU DO TO TAKE CHARGE?

- Learn more about VAW.
- Share your knowledge with friends and offer help when it is needed.
- Join a women's group and volunteer your time to help survivors and victims of abuse.
- If you are a man/boy, be aware of your actions. Inculcate respect for girls/women. Start with the girls/women around you - your mother, sisters and friends.
- Organise workshops, exhibitions or awareness campaigns on VAW.
- Support leaders or be a leader in promoting the rights of women.
- Use the media to express your concerns, feelings or views to help stop VAW.
- Promote a gender equal society.

## WHERE CAN YOU GET HELP?

**ALL WOMEN'S ACTION SOCIETY (AWAM)**  
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46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

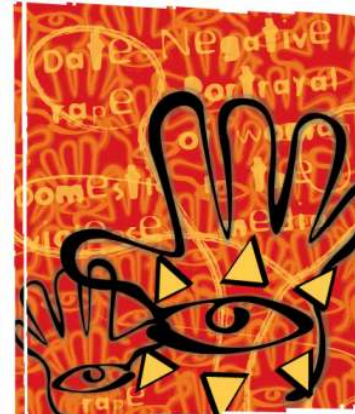
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## YOUNG PERSONS... KNOW YOUR RIGHTS...



**TAKE CHARGE!**  
Do not tolerate violence against women



All Women's Action Society (AWAM)

## YOUNG PERSONS... THINK ABOUT THIS...

### CASE 1:

#### RAPED BY BOYFRIEND!

Where? Boyfriend's house!  
Who? 19 years old Mei. (not her real name.)

### CASE 2:

#### GANG RAPE & ROBBED BY MEN!

Where? Jalan Gasing!  
Who? 22 years old university student.

### CASE 3:

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT! A MAN FLASHED HIS PRIVATE PART!

Where? Bookstore!  
Who? 19 years old Anita. (not her real name.)

### CASE...

WHEN? Anytime!  
Where? Anywhere!  
Who? It could be anyone!

These cited cases are examples of VAW.  
How does it make you feel?

## WHAT IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW)?

VAW is violence that is directed against a woman because she is a woman. It can be actual or the threat of violence that affects women physically, mentally and sexually.

It can happen anywhere, to any woman, on the streets, in school, in colleges, at the workplace, even at home.

## YOUNG PERSONS... VAW COMES IN MANY FORMS.

**Date rape** - forced sexual intercourse with a person the victim knows - a date, boyfriend or casual friend. Just because you don't fight back when you are being forced to have sex does not mean you have consented.

**Rape** - the law defines rape as the penetration of the penis into the vagina of a woman without the woman's consent. For girls under 16 years of age consensual sexual intercourse is regarded as statutory rape.

**Sexual harassment** - is a reality that many women face at work, school or in the public places. It is any unwanted conduct of a sexual nature having the effect of verbal, non-verbal, visual, psychological or physical harassment.

**Negative Portrayal of Women in the Media** - in some media and advertisements, women tend to be portrayed as sex objects rather than as human beings with dignity.

**Domestic violence** - violence that happens inside the house and the perpetrators are family members. It can be verbal, psychological, social or physical violence.

## YOUNG PERSONS... VAW IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM, LOOK AROUND US.

### In the Klang Valley...

- 50% of youths aged 18-25 do not know about date rape!

### In Malaysia...

- Only 1 out of 10 rapes is reported.
- More than half of the women 'rescued' from various sex establishments were under 18 years old.
- There were 3,101 of reported cases of domestic violence in 2004.

### Around the world...

- Women spend around US 100 billion a year on diet products to achieve the 'ideal body' as portrayed in the media.
- 1 in 3 has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime.
- 40 - 70% of murdered women are killed by an intimate partner.

## WHY IS IT WRONG?

It is a violation of your right as a free individual - a woman or a girl. It denies you your right to be free from acts and threats that causes physical, mental or sexual harm or suffering.

You have a right to be free of fear and the threat of being harmed. Without fear, you can live your life to your fullest, realizing your potential. What's more, your children, and your children's children will enjoy a life without fear too.

### REMEMBER!

Your body belongs to you.  
Take charge! Stand up for your rights.  
Do not let other people be in control of your body and mind.