



## Rape Is Rape, in any language

The [CRASAC](#) 'Rape is Rape in any language' campaign has been set up by Coventry Rape Crisis, in conjunction with the Coventry City Council Harm Reduction Team.

Statement from Press Release:

It is a joint project between CRASAC and Coventry City Council which aims to speak to a broad audience, raising awareness that rape and sexual violence are never the victims fault. We wanted to deliver key messages that both dispel the myths and stereotypes around rape and sexual violence in our community and let people know that support is here if they want it.

The intention is to use this video in police stations, GP surgeries, schools, Universities, A&E, Walk-in Centres and businesses and this video is the starting point to build from. We intend to move forward using different languages and picking out particular themes for specific audience groups.

We hope that this video will have an impact across our entire community, which is richly diverse, and deliver the message that victims and survivors of sexual violence are never to blame.

The video includes people of both sexes, different ages and ethnicities. It is clear that the campaign aims to tackle the myths and stereotypes about sexual violence and the impact it has on those who experience it.

Within the video, there are details of statistics about sexual violence and the video includes many different circumstances - including child rape, male rape, intimate partner rape and rape of vulnerable or incapacitated women.

Throughout the video, we see a variety of situations and circumstances, and CRASAC have cleverly introduced some common statistics, such as:

"26% of us believe a woman is partially responsible for her own rape if she was wearing revealing clothing"

Towards the end of the video, support offered by CRASAC is detailed - this includes educating others about Sexual Violence, challenging the myths associated with it and providing a listening and support service to those who have experienced Sexual Violence.

The video ends with a difficult, but necessary scenario. We see a prospective rapist planning his



assault. His prospective victim is incapacitated in a bedroom at a party, and he is shown weighing up the risks. He assesses her competence, looks for the possibility of an observer and closes the door - seemingly nodding in engagement with someone else outside of it.

This scenario shows that Sexual Violence is not an accident in communication, as it is sometimes described. The clear actions that the rapist takes in order to minimise the risk of being caught, clearly debunk the myth of 'miscommunication' or 'accidental rape'.

The next scene shows him sitting in a police cell, wearing forensic clothing.

At the end of the video, we see details of the joint project, including the support offered by CRASAC for those who have experienced Sexual Violence.

We LOVE the video. It is short (just over 3 minutes), debunks some of the most common myths and includes a variety of people - showing that rape can, and does, affect many of us. Well done CRASAC and Coventry City Council.

When are you making it a national campaign? We think everyone needs to see this!

You can see the video via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04LeOdMEcRk#t=20>