



This is one of the real life scenarios covered at Draw-the-Line.ca. Here are some of the ways it suggests handling this situation:

Why Draw the Line? Many of us men have been socialized to think it is ok to sleep with women when they are drunk. This is sexual assault and we have the power to stop it.

When to Draw the Line Consent matters. Anyone who is intoxicated cannot give consent.

Only a sober yes means yes.

How to Draw the Line Explain to your friend it isn't ok. As a bystander, there are several things you can do:

Offer options: If he flirts with someone who is drunk, suggest he swap numbers to meet up tomorrow or just hang out with you.

Discuss consensual sex: Finding someone who has the capacity to offer enthusiastic consent is more enjoyable.

Remind him: Sex with someone who is drunk is not legal.

Assembly this week at AHS *Knowing where to draw the line*

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The OPP in the North West Region are helping to engage Ontarians in a dialogue about sexual violence. Sexual violence is a reality in Ontario and it impacts the lives of our friends, family members and colleagues.

Draw The Line is an interactive campaign that aims to engage everyone in a dialogue about sexual violence. The campaign challenges common myths about sexual violence and equips bystanders with information on how to intervene safely and effectively.

At its website, Draw-the-Line.ca, the organization notes that sexual violence is a lot more than rape. "Everything from sexist jokes to stalking, harassment and assault contributes to a culture that condones and supports sexual violence."

Over half of all sexual assaults involve alcohol and drugs (MDA is the #1 drug used by perpetrators). Yet conversations about alcohol-facilitated sexual assault often focus on the actions of the victim, rather than the aggressor. Draw-the-line.ca uses real-life scenarios to engage Ontarians in an honest dialogue about the important role bystanders can play in preventing sexual assault and calling out the toxic party culture that enables violence. Using a harm reduction approach that focuses on empowering bystanders, the campaign aims to spark discussion about the realities of alcohol-facilitated sexual assault with a variety of audiences.

Here, the OPP is working with *Draw the Line* to help get the word out to teens about the issues. It's bringing project manager Julie Lalonde to high schools in the region (including AHS on Tuesday morning).

One in three Canadian women will experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetime.