

USM Campus Safety Project



Bystander Intervention

- The act of assisting an acquaintance or stranger in an emergency or time of need.
- Actions may be direct or indirect
 - You don't have to be a hero to help.

Bystander Stories

A time when you saw something happening and did or did not act...

- If you did not act, why? What would have helped you to take action?
- If you did act, why? What made that possible?

What impacts our decision to get involved?

- Individual Characteristics
 - Personal style, experience
- Situational Characteristics
 - Location, others present
- Victim Characteristics
 - Familiarity, likeable

Bystander Effect

The Group Effect



The presence of others decreases the likelihood that anyone will offer help.

As the size of the group increases, the likelihood that anyone will help decreases.

In a group, if no one is responding to a specific situation, people will assume that no action is needed.



I've Got Your **BACK** U Maine Orono

Be aware

Accept responsibility

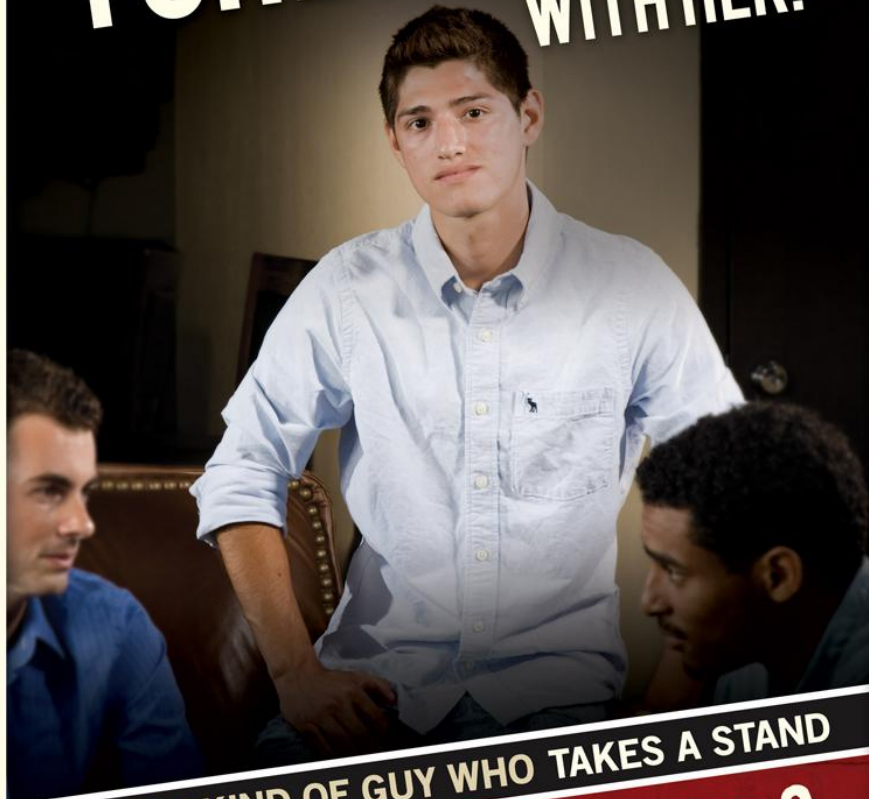
Consider the
consequences

Know what to do
and **do it!**

I've got your **BACK!**



WHEN KATE SEEMED
TOO DRUNK TO LEAVE WITH CHRIS
I CHECKED IN
WITH HER.



I'M THE KIND OF GUY WHO TAKES A STAND

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

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CREATING CULTURES FREE FROM VIOLENCE
STOP RAPE

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Men preventing sexism and sexual assault

WHEN JASON
WOULDN'T LEAVE
MARY ALONE, I SAID:
SHE'S NOT INTO YOU ANYMORE.
LET IT GO.



I'M THE KIND OF GUY WHO TAKES A STAND

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WHEN NICOLE COULDN'T LOSE
THAT DRUNK GUY
**I CALLED
HER CELL**
TO GIVE HER AN OUT.



I'M THE KIND OF GUY WHO TAKES A STAND

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High Risk Issues for Campus

- Dating Violence
- Stalking/Harassment
- Suicide/Mental Health
- Alcohol Poisoning/Substance Abuse
- Sexual Assault

Consent

Is a clearly expressed YES

That is free from:

1. Force:
Physical/Coercion/Threat/Intimidation
2. Incapacitation

Phil

I was hanging out with friends at a party Saturday night and I saw this girl that I had noticed once or twice in class. She looked really hot and I could tell she was feeling good. I went up to her and made some conversation. She was definitely already buzzed. Kept bringing her drinks, punch is great for getting girls wasted. Pretty soon we were making out on the couch.

Eventually she said she was feeling kinda sick and wanted to go home. I insisted on taking her home and I'm thinking... score.

So we walked, *she* weaved really, back to her place. Tons of people were in her hall but her suite mates were out which was awesome. I just invited myself in. She crashed on the bed and I started to rub her back. When I started to take off her clothes, she made noises and kind of pushed back a little. But I knew she didn't want to look easy so I just kept going. Besides, if she really didn't want to have sex she would have let me know right? Well, I ended up having sex with her even though she was pretty of out of it, but it was still good.

I've seen her a couple of times since then but she kind of avoids me. What's her deal? What did she *think* was gonna happen that night?

Cindy

I went to this party with a friend on Saturday night. We were out for fun. We had a couple of drinks in my suite before hand and got to the party with a pretty good buzz on.

I saw this guy there that I'd noticed in class. He saw me too and came over and we hung out the rest of the night together, drinking, laughing and making out on the couch.

I have no idea how many drinks he brought me but later I felt really wasted and tired and just wanted to go home. He said he'd walk with me which I thought was nice of him as I was feeling pretty unsteady.

Don't remember the walk to my suite but when we got there, he came right in, which was okay, whatever. I just kinda fell onto the bed. He started rubbing my back and it felt good at first but then he started taking off my clothes. We'd been making out before at the party but now I was really out of it and feeling sick. I pretended to be asleep 'cause I thought he would stop and leave. When he didn't I told him "Don't" and pushed his hands away but it was like he was ignoring me. I'm not really clear what happened after that but when I woke up naked... I knew.

How could I have been so stupid?



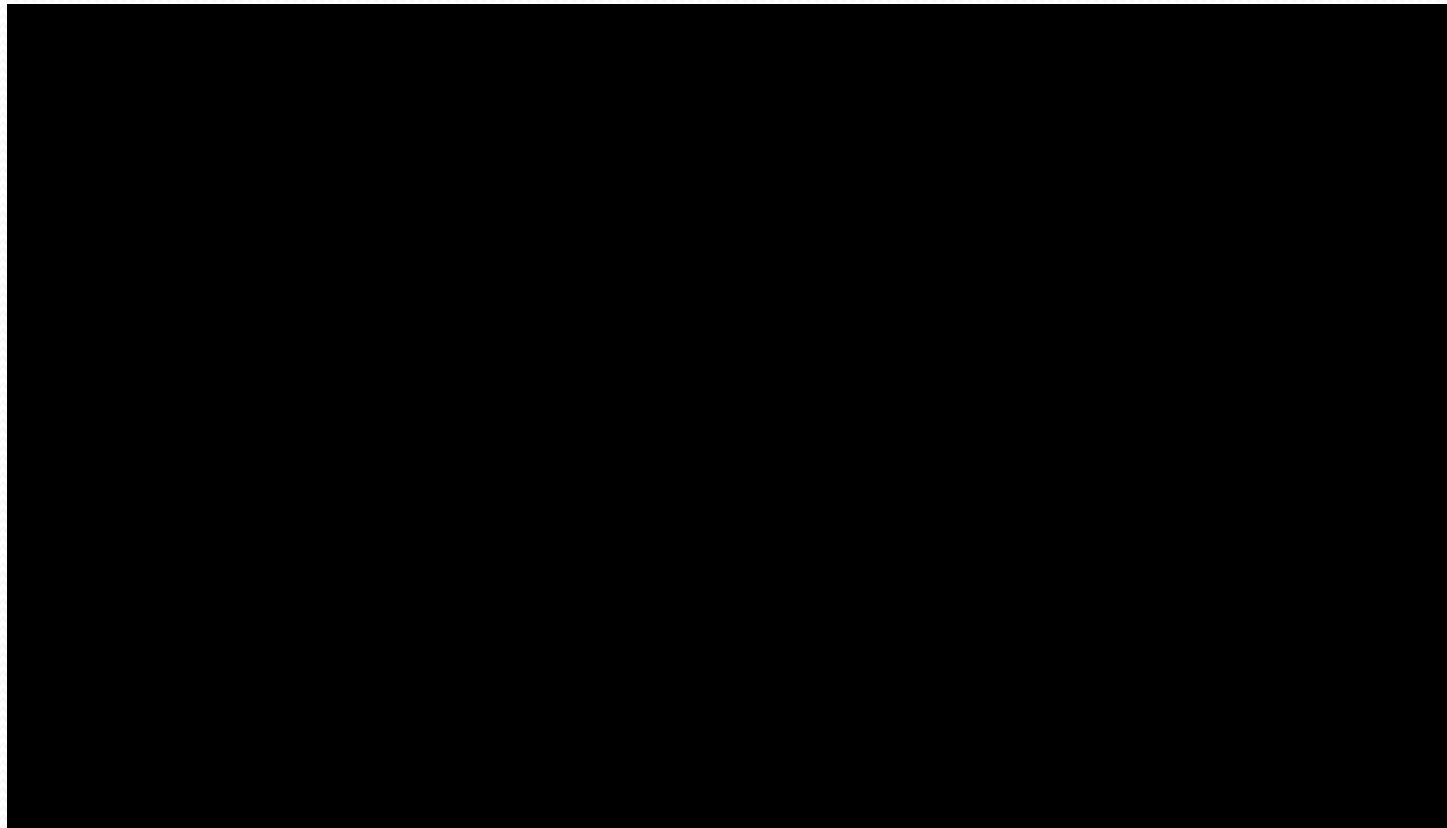
I have a responsibility to act if I
am a bystander to Phil and
Cindy's interactions that night...



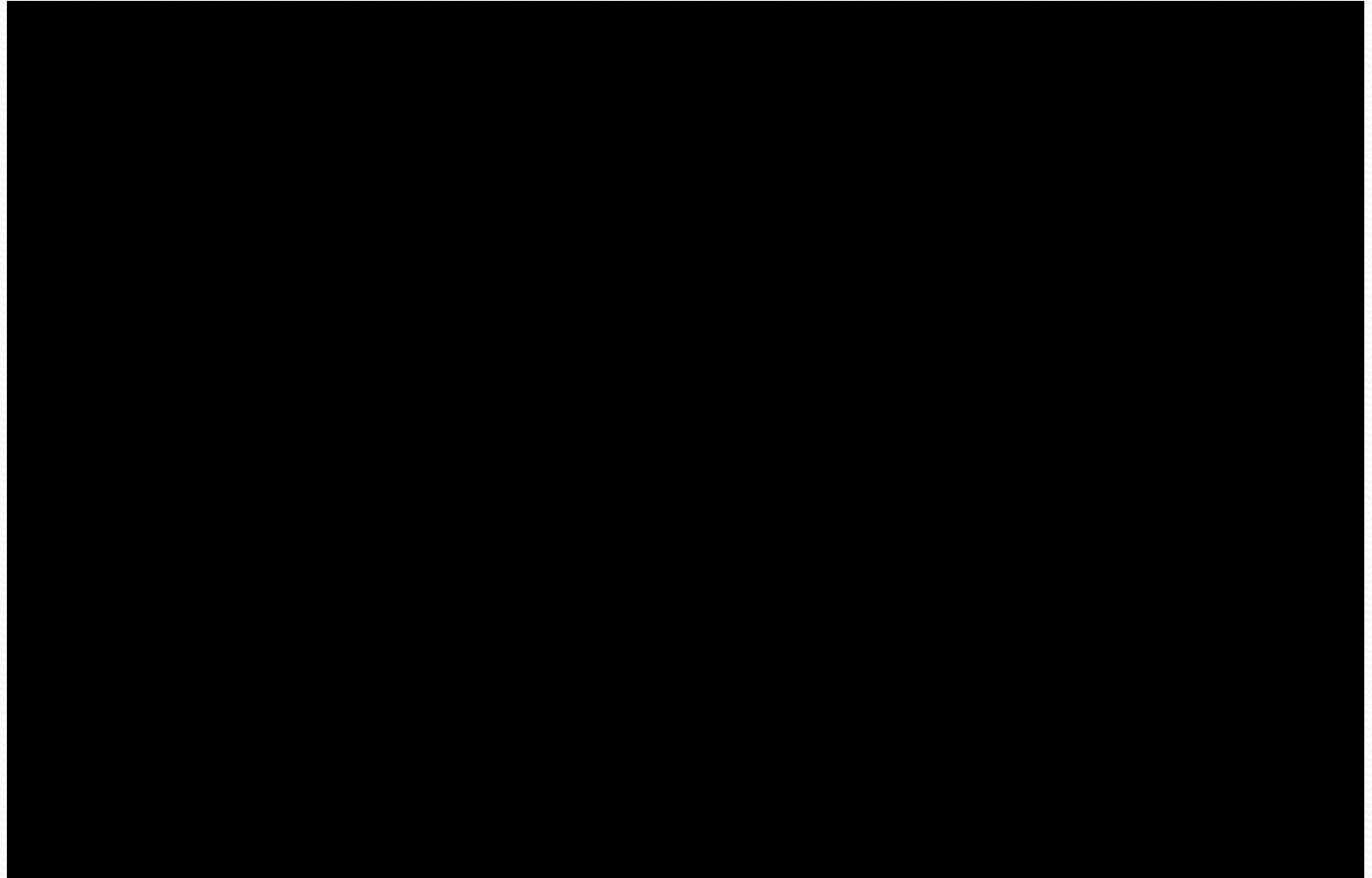
If I were in a similar situation, I
would want someone to
intervene...



Take Action. Be a Husky.



MCSR - Strong Man





Providing Support

How do you support someone who has experienced domestic/dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault?

I need to talk...

my friend was sexually assaulted

I am feeling anxious

I witnessed hazing

my roommate is being harassed on Facebook

I'm being bullied

I'm in an abusive relationship

...I want my information to be kept confidential

University Health and Counseling Services	207-780-4050	www.usm.maine.edu/uhrs
Interfaith Chaplaincy	207-228-8091	www.usm.maine.edu/
Sexual Assault 24hr Hotline & Advocates	1-800-871-7741	www.mecasa.org
Relationship Violence 24hr Hotline & Advocates	1-866-834-4357	www.mcedv.org

...it's okay if staff need to talk to others to help me

Student Success Staff	Community Standards	Faculty
Women and Community Center	Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity	Multicultural Resource Center
Athletics	Residential Life Staff	Student Life
	USM Public Safety	

These offices keep your information as privately as possible, but may be required to disclose what you tell them to Administrators designated to protect campus safety.

