

Optional Module on Sexual Violence For 2005 BRFSS

Now I am going to ask you some questions about unwanted sexual experiences you may have had during your life. You may find the questions disturbing, but it is important that I ask them this way so that everyone is clear about what we mean. Once again, please remember that you can skip any question.

1. In the past 12 months, has anyone exposed you to unwanted sexual situations that did not involve physical touching? Examples include things like flashing you, peeping, sexual harassment, or making you look at sexual photos or movies.
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 7 Don't Know / Not Sure
 - 9 Refused

Now I am going to ask you about unwanted sexual contact. By unwanted sexual contact, I mean when someone touches private parts of your body or tries to get you to touch their body, after you said or showed that you didn't want them to. It includes times when you were unable to say that you didn't want them to, for example, because you were too young, you were drunk or asleep, or you thought you would be hurt or punished if you refused.

2. In the past 12 months, has anyone had sexual contact with you after you said or showed that you didn't want them to? This includes times when you were unable to say that you didn't want them to.
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 7 Don't Know / Not Sure
 - 9 Refused

3. Now I am going to ask you about unwanted sex. By unwanted sex, I mean anyone putting anything into your vagina [*female*], anus or mouth after you said or showed that you didn't want them to.

In the past 12 months, has anyone had sex with you after you said or showed that you didn't want them to? It includes times when you were unable to say that you didn't want them to.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Don't Know / Not Sure
- 9 Refused

4. In the past 12 months, has anyone attempted to have sex with you after you said or showed that you didn't want them to? By attempting to have sex, I mean trying to put anything into your vagina [if female], anus, or mouth.
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 7 Don't Know / Not Sure
 - 9 Refused

5. *[Ask Q5 only if at least one of the answers to Q3 or Q4 = yes.]* What was your relationship to the person who had sex or attempted to have sex with you after you said or showed that you didn't want to? *[Interviewer: if more than one person, choose the person who was violent most recently.]*

READ RESPONSES.

- 1 Spouse
 - 2 Former spouse (including separated and divorced spouses)
 - 3 Boyfriend / girlfriend (SPECIFY SEX_____)
 - 4 Former boyfriend / girlfriend (SPECIFY SEX_____)
 - 5 Someone you are/were dating (SPECIFY SEX_____)
 - 6 Parent/Step-Parent/Guardian/Parent's Partner
 - 8 Brother or sister, including step
 - 10 Other relative (SPECIFY_____)
 - 11 Supervisor or superior at work
 - 12 Co-worker
 - 13 Friend
 - 14 Acquaintance
 - 15 Someone you had known for less than 24 hours
 - 16 Stranger
 - 17 Other(s) (SPECIFY_____)
 - 77 Don't Know / Not Sure
 - 99 Refused
6. *[Ask Q6 and Q 7 only if Q3 and Q4 = no]* Has anyone ever in your life attempted to have sex with you after you said or showed that you didn't want them to?
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 7 Don't Know / Not Sure
 - 9 Refused

7. Has anyone ever in your life had sex with you after you said or showed that you didn't want to? *INTERVIEWER: IF NECESSARY SAY, This includes times when you were unable to say you didn't want them to.*
- 1 Yes
 - 2 No
 - 7 Don't Know / Not Sure
 - 9 Refused

Closing Statement: We realize that this topic may bring up past experiences that some people may wish to talk about further. If you or someone you know would like to talk to a trained counselor, there is a confidential sexual assault telephone hotline you can call for information. The number is 1- 800-656-HOPE (4673). Would you like me to repeat that?