False Reports What are the facts?

You have a: 0.00321% chance of being falsely accused of rape.

In comparison, your chance of being struck by lightening is slightly higher at 0.0083%



This fear can cause people to be less empathic towards victims.

And instead sympathise with perpetrators, giving many the benefit of the doubt or assuming a perpetrators innocence.

Over 91% of sexual violence is perpetrated by men. Men and Boys are 230X more likely to be raped than falsely accused of rape.



Women have a 25% chance of being raped or sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

Men have a 5.556% chance of being rape or sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

(Remembering that most sexual violence goes unreported so these statistics are likely much higher in reality)

The facts about reportings

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4 in 5 male victims will not report

5 in 6 female victims will not report



72% of adults who experienced sexual abuse as a child do not tell anyone at the time of the abuse.



50% of trans/non-binary individuals will experience sexual violence.

1 in 3 trans/ non-binary individuals never told anyone about their abuse.

OUT OF EVERY 1,000 SEXUAL ASSAULTS, 975 PERPETRATORS WILL WALK FREE

310 are reported to police

50 reports lead to arrestⁱⁱ

28 cases will lead to a felony convictioniii

25 perpetrators will be incarcerated iii



Many victims express a fear of not being believed. And this causes many not to report. The myth that false reports silence victims.

