

## Test Your Knowledge of Sexual Abuse of Males

Answer the following questions to the best of your ability...

1. In your opinion, can men be raped and/or sexually assaulted?

Yes

No

2. In your opinion, are only gay men raped and/or sexually assaulted?

Yes

No

3. Is it only "gay" men that sexually assault other men?

Yes

No

4. Can men be sexually assaulted by women?

Yes

No

5. Does an erection or ejaculation during sexual assault mean that you consented to it?

Yes

No

6. Can men who sexually assault control their sexuality?

Yes

No

7. Does male rape only occur in prisons?

Yes

No

8. Are men who are raped scarred for the rest of their life?

Yes

No

**-After you complete this survey turn the page to view the facts.**

- 1) Men can be and are sexually assaulted. Any man can be sexually assaulted regardless of size, strength, and appearance. The idea that men can't be raped or sexually assaulted is linked to unrealistic beliefs that a man should be able to defend himself against attack.
- 2) Any man can be raped, whether he identifies as straight, gay, bi, transgender or fluid sexuality. Rape is an act of force or coercion where someone's personal choice is disregarded.
- 3) Most men who sexually assault other men identify themselves as straight. The myth is a societal homophobia and a habit developed over the past century of seeing participation in a sexual act as a sign of a person's sexual identity.
- 4) Although the majority of sexual assaults of men are committed by men, women do sexually assault men. Sexual assault is not always enacted through physical force. It can involve emotional manipulation where a man can be coerced into sexual act out of fear of potential repercussions for his relationships and or work.
- 5) Erection and ejaculation are physiological responses that can be induced through manipulation and pressure on the prostate.
- 6) People can control their sexual desires if they want to, however strong they might be. No desire gives anyone the right to violate and abuse another person.
- 7) Rape does happen in prisons. The fact that men are subjected to be raped in prison is something that was highlighted in the 1960s and continues to occur today. It doesn't only happen in prisons.
- 8) Men can and do survive sexual assault. They can go on to live great lives enjoying rewarding relationships as friends, partners, and parents. Sexual assault can have a huge impact on men.