

# What Is Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse is non-consensual sexual contact and/or other activities which demean, humiliate, shame and/or expose.

- The abuser tells anti women jokes and/or makes demeaning remarks about women (of a sexual nature).
- The abuser treats women as sex objects.
- The abuser gets jealous, angry and/or assumes you are or have had sex with any available man (or woman).
- The abuser insists you dress in a more sexual way than you want or makes demeaning remarks about how you dress.
- The abuser makes demeaning remarks about your body and/or body parts.
- The abuser minimizes your feelings about sex.
- The abuser berates you about your sexual history; blames you if you were sexually abused in the past or as a child.
- The abuser criticizes you sexually such as calling you frigid.
- The abuser insists on touching you sexually when you do not want to be touched, when you are alone and/or are in the presence of others.
- The abuser forces you to strip when you do not want to, alone, and/or in front of others.
- The abuser openly shows sexual interest in other women when you were in public or at home.
- The abuser withholds sexual affection.
- The abuser forces you to beg for sexual affection.
- The abuser has affairs with other women (often flaunting them) after agreeing not to have sex with anyone but you.
- The abuser forces you to engage in sex with him.
- The abuser forces you to have sex with others.
- The abuser forces you to watch others having sex.
- The abuser harasses you about affairs he imagines you are having.
- The abuser forces particular unwanted sexual acts.
- The abuser forces sex after battering.
- The abuser forces sex when you are sick or it is a danger to your health.
- The abuser forces sex with the purpose of hurting you with objects or weapons.
- The abuser commits sadistic sexual acts.
- The abuser forces you to pose for sexual photographs.