

# Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault

Or "Date" Rape Drugs



Drug facilitated sexual assault occurs when someone drugs a victim without their knowledge. These drugs can cause temporary memory loss, confusion and loss of physical control. There are dozens of "date" rape drugs available. The three most commonly used "date" rape drugs are Rohypnol, Ketamine and Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid or GHB. Drug facilitated sexual assault can also occur when the victim willingly takes these drugs but does not give consent to sexual contact.

**To prevent drug facilitated sexual assault, SVC is promoting active bystanders in the Twin Cities Metro area.** An active bystander is any person who refuses to tolerate sexual violence in any form and actively contributes to making our community safer.

**As an active bystander, you can:**

- Use the buddy system—arrive with a friend, leave with a friend
- Tell somebody if you witness another person putting anything into their drink without them knowing about it.
- Defend those who cannot consent by making sure they leave with the same group they came with.

While these behaviors can make our community safer, there may not always be an active bystander around during a drug facilitated sexual assault. **It is important to remember that rape is never the victim's fault, even if alcohol is involved.**

*If you believe you have been drugged and/or sexually assaulted, get to a safe place and 911, a friend or family member or the Sexual Violence Center 24 hour crisis-line. We are here to listen, support and believe you. Medical and legal advocates are available to provide support and stand up on behalf of the victim.*

**Even if you decide not to report, go to a hospital or clinic** for treatment of external and/or internal injuries, tests for pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections/diseases and support services.

**If there is even a chance of reporting to the police, do not shower, brush your teeth, bathe, douche, change clothes or straighten up the area** until the medical and legal evidence have been collected. Request a urine test at the clinic for the presence of "date" rape drugs. Chances of getting proof are best when the sample is obtained within four hours after the drug has been consumed.