

# **Alcohol/Drug Use and Sexual Coercion and Acquaintance Rape Victimization**

Here is a list of some of the reasons to why there is such a high correlation between female drinking and potential sexual coercion and acquaintance rape victimization.

**NOTE: Keep in mind that these reasons are not to be interpreted as the victim's fault if sexual coercion or victimization occurs within the context of alcohol or other drugs. A woman always has the right to reject and limit sexual advances, unfortunately, the use of alcohol and other drugs put her at greater risk.**

1. Increased consensual sexual activity prior to the forced activity, as alcohol contributes to more casual sexual behavior that may be misinterpreted by the male as an invitation to further sexual contact.
2. The cultural stereotype of a drinking woman as "loose" and therefore more desirous of sexual contact.
3. The victim's diminished ability to communicate clearly her choice to reject sexual advances when she is intoxicated
4. The diminished ability of the victim to defend herself physically or flee from an aggressor.

Source:

**"Surveying the Damage: A Review of Research on Consequences of Alcohol Misuse in College Populations"**

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