



Rape by a partner

Nowhere to go

No-one to tell

Partner rape is a crime punishable by 25 years imprisonment (Crimes Act 1958).

you can help in just four steps:

1. **ASK:** *Are you safe within your relationship?*
2. **NAME IT:** *What you've just described to me is rape and it's a crime.*
3. **RESPOND:** *Give contact details of the local CASA, safe steps and Victoria Police SOCIT unit.*
4. **FOLLOW UP:** *'Last time you spoke about your safety. I'd like to know how you are now.'*

FOR HER, IT IS LIKE THIS...

I was crying, yelling, screaming, saying, 'It's hurting, let me go'. But he never stopped. I was too naive and too scared to say no, but I do remember saying no ...it was useless, he went and did it anyway.

He said, '...lay down and take it and I'm having some and I'm gonna take it', and that's what he told me. I said, 'No you're not', and we ended up in a big fight, but he was stronger than me.

✿ *Contact:*

- i. *CASA- Centres Against Sexual Assault:
1800 806 292 (all hours) www.casa.org.au*
- ii. *safe steps Family Violence Response Centre:
1800 015 188 (24 hours)
www.safesteps.org.au*
- iii. *National Helpline: 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)
www.1800respect.org.au*
- iv. *Victoria Police Sexual Offences and Child Abuse
Investigation Teams located within all police regions
000 (ask for the SOCIT Unit)*
- v. *Men's Referral Service: 1300 766 491
www.mrs.org.au(9am - 9pm)*
- vi. *Victims of Crime Support Line (24 hours):
1800 819 817 (8.00am-11pm)
www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au*

FOR HIM, SHE THINKS IT IS LIKE THIS ...

He thought it was his right. He owned me with his piece of paper [the marriage certificate]. He didn't think there was anything wrong with doing what he did.

'All men do that'.

He said, 'You're my wife- we had sex'.

He wouldn't say it was rape.

I don't think he would even remember the night and what happened if I asked him today.