

Factors and Situations Related to The Perpetration of Sexual Assault and Rape
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Factors and situations related to the perpetration of sexual assault and rape include (but not limited to):

- childhood victimization
- attachment deficits
- reduced capacity for empathy
- witnessing parental violence
- personality characteristics
- narcissism
- antisocial traits
- disregard for social norms
- tendency for aggression
- early sexual experiences
- promiscuity
- hostility towards women
- traditional views about gender roles
- impulsivity
- beliefs supporting abuse and rape

(e.g., Barbaree, & Marshall, 1991; Barbaree, Marshall, & McCormick, 1998; Dean, & Malamuth, 1997; Kosson, Kelly, & White, 1997; Lalumiere, Chalmers, Quinsey, & Seto, 1996; Lisak, & Roth, 1988; Malamuth, Linz, Heavey, Barnes, & Acker, 1995; Malamuth, Heavey, & Linz, 1993; Malamuth, Sockloskie, Koss, & Tanaka, 1991; Prentky, & Knight, 1991; Senn, Desmarais, Verberg, & Wood, 2000; Seto & Barbaree, 1997; Ward, Keenan, & Hudson, 2000).

- These factors may lead to the use and abuse of alcohol, which may be used to justify rape (e.g., alcohol expectations, myopia)
- little if any regard to the consequences or punishments for their behavior (Strang & Peterson, 2013; Zawacki, Abbey, Buck, McAuslan, & Clinton-Sherrod, 2003).

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