



One of the worst experiences that a woman can go through is to be raped. Unfortunately South Africa has a very high rape rate with at least 1 woman being raped every 26 seconds.

According to Interpol, South Africa has the highest number of declared rapes in the world, with nearly half of the victims younger than 18. Gang rapes are also common in the country, and the crime is said to be a form of 'male bonding' between teens.

The kind of emotional trauma that the raped experience is so severe, that sometimes they cannot overcome it..... resulting in suicide. Why then do we want to put ourselves in that kind of situation? We need to be so careful to ensure that we don't become a statistic.

Never accept an open drink from someone that you do not know; **never** leave your drink just standing around where someone may be able to spike it; **never** walk in dark places where you become susceptible to being a victim either. **Never** think that you will **never** be a victim, or that it will **never** happen to you. **Never** believe that one of your friends will **ever** rape you either because at least 80% of all rape victims know their assailants. Here are a few facts of rape, based on South African statistics:

Rape is an occurrence, which, according to official statistics occurred approximately 16,000 times annually during the 1980s.

By 1992, the official figure for rape was 24,700. Unofficially, based on the premise put forward by the National Institute of Crime Rehabilitation that only one in twenty rapes are reported, the figure is about 494,000 a year.

This means that on average approximately one thousand three hundred women can be expected to be raped every day in South Africa.

A study by Interpol, the international police agency, has revealed that South Africa leads the world in rapes.

A woman is raped in South Africa every 26 seconds. This does not include the number of child rape victims. It is estimated that one in every two women will be raped.

Between 28 and 30 percent of adolescents reported that their first sexual encounter was forced.

Of South African men who knew somebody who had been raped, 16 percent believed that the rape survivor had enjoyed the experience and had asked for it.

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According to a recent study, police estimated that only one in 36 rape cases was reported and of those only 15 percent culminated in a conviction.

So do you want to become a statistic or do you want to ensure your own safety? Live a safe and **NODIRT** lifestyle.

You do not want to deal with the emotional stress that goes along with being raped and the possibility of an HIV infection.

LIVE WITH CARE AND KEEP IT NODIRT!