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1. A man whistling at a woman walking on the street
2. A man making remarks about a woman's physical appearance
3. A man staring at a woman while they walked past
4. A man calling after or following a woman

THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF STREET HARASSMENT AND WHAT MAKE WOMEN FEEL UNSAFE IN PUBLIC SPACES.

What Can You Do in The Moment?

1. Assess the risk and challenge the harasser's behavior in a way to stop the harassment.
2. Check in with the person who was street harassed (But leave them alone if they don't want to be bothered).
3. Distract their attention by saying "Good Morning!" or "What do you think of the weather today?" to get their attention away from the person.

Additional Steps:

1. Question your own language and behavior and how it may disrespect women. Street harassment is not a compliment and is not the harassed person's fault.
2. Challenge offensive jokes & comments. Do not join in.
3. Talk to your male family and friends about the issue.
4. Talk to your female friends about the types of support they would like in those situations.

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WHAT IS STREET HARASSMENT?

Any unwanted behavior in a public space that controls your movement or makes you change your behavior in an attempt to avoid the possibility of being verbally and physically harassed. For example interactions that can make you feel sexualized, intimidated, embarrassed, objectified, violated, attacked, or unsafe. Street harassment is violence against women and LGBTQ folks.

WHY SHOULD WE STOP STREET HARASSMENT?

Harassment happens while we are walking down the street, riding our bikes, or on public transportation. It often escalates to derogatory name-calling and even violence. Street harassment is not a normal interaction between men and women; it is sexism, where men show dominance to control women. It is about power and control; not about what you are wearing. All it takes is for women to be in public to be harassed.



**HARASSING WOMEN
DOES NOT PROVE
YOUR MASCULINITY!**

ARE YOU SICK OF BEING STREET HARASSED?

We have the right to...

1. Feel safe and comfortable in a public space.
2. Define for yourself what you consider harassment.
3. Speak up and confront the aggressor.
4. Not be afraid of making eye contact with men.
5. Feel safe going out at night/in the dark.
6. Feel at ease when walking past a group of males.
7. Leave the house without a male family member or friend.
8. Be addressed by your name, not unwanted comments.
9. To dress in any manner.
10. Defy stereotypes associated with your gender.

What do you do when you are harassed?

There is no set response for street harassment, so do what you feel is best for your personal safety.

- Don't be afraid to make eye contact (you never know when you may need to identify someone).
- Carry yourself assertively with strong body language.
- Identify the situation: "This is harassment and it's wrong."
- Assert what you want: "Back off!"
- Call to end harassment: "Stop harassing women." or "Stop harassing me."
- Loudly describe the situation so people nearby can know what happened (and defend and provide safety)
- Ask for help
- Call them out: "Why would you do that? That's really rude."
- Leave the situation immediately if you feel unsafe.
- Above all - trust your instinct!

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