

RAISING ETHICAL SONS

INTRODUCTION

Violence against women is not inevitable. By having conversations with your son about what it means to be a man, gender stereotypes, and gendered violence, you can help us shape the attitudes and behaviour of a generation.

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Working to end sexual assault and domestic violence



One in three Australian women has experienced physical, sexual or emotional abuse at the hands of an intimate partner.¹

95% of all victims of violence experienced that violence from a male perpetrator.²

Imagine what these statistics could look like if all our children were raised to have equal and respectful relationships, and taught to challenge harmful gender stereotypes?

Adolescent boys who see abuse at home are more likely to be abusive in their own relationships³. However, we know that 64% of Australian boys say that their father is a primary influence in their life⁴ and that parents can play a big role showing their children what healthy relationships look like⁵.

Men who hold attitudes that are supportive of sexual violence, like the ones shown here⁶, are more likely to perpetrate sexual violence⁷. The majority of young men recognise that these attitudes are not right – and by supporting and empowering these young men, we can put an end sexual assault and domestic violence together.

53%

of young men agree that 'trying to control by denying your partner money' is a form of partner violence or violence against women

79%

of young men agree that 'repeatedly criticising to make partner feel bad or useless' is a form of partner violence or violence against women

82%

of young men agree that 'harasses by repeated phone calls' is a form of partner violence or violence against women

76%

of young men agree that 'controlling social life by preventing your partner seeing family and friends' is a form of partner violence or violence against women

79%

of young men agree that 'harasses by repeated emails/text messages' is a form of partner violence or violence against women

84%

of young men agree that that 'stalks repeatedly following or watching at home or work' is a form of partner violence or violence against women

These factsheets have been created to give you the tools you need to have conversations with your son about respectful relationships. Together, we can work towards creating a society where sexual assault and domestic violence no longer exist.

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