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Activity: Media

Why rapes are not reported

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- explain why rape cases are not always reported and describe what happens when they are reported.

Using the link below, answer questions 1 to 14 that follow.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/video/rape-sexual-assault-reports-why-victims-dont-tell-police-video-a8062176.html>

1. What might be brought up in court for a woman who has been raped?
2. What proportion of reported rapes result in a conviction in England and Wales?
3. What proportion of rapes are reported?
4. According to Emily and Faye, why are rapes not reported?
5. What is the problem with women waiting to report rape?
6. What happens if a victim loses the case?
7. Why does the victim feel she is the one being punished?
8. How long did it take for a trial in the case in the clip?
9. What is the impact of waiting for a trial for a long time?
10. According to Alex, what is the impact of power and status in a rape trial?
11. Why might members of the court have a view about how victims should behave?
12. Why might the image of an 'ideal victim' not be helpful?
13. Why is it important for rape victims to go to the police early?
14. What advice do the victims give to other victims?