



I believe you.
I'm sorry this happened.
How can I help?



WHEN A VICTIM COMES TO YOU, HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

Start by Believing is the global campaign designed to transform the way we respond to sexual assault. It prepares professionals and loved ones to respond appropriately to sexual assault disclosures, so victims get the support they need. The campaign was created by End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI), America's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving criminal justice responses to sexual assault.

Knowing how to respond is critical. A negative response can worsen the victim's trauma and foster an environment where perpetrators face zero consequences. Rapists often re-offend, so one failed response can mean additional victims.

Start by Believing was created to stop this cycle, by improving our personal reactions. The goal is to change the world, and outcomes for victims, one response at a time.

SEEKING JUSTICE TOGETHER, ONE RESPONSE AT A TIME.

EVERY RESPONSE MATTERS.
YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Explore Your Options is designed to provide survivors and their support people with information and resources in the aftermath of sexual assault. Options are suggested based on a series of guided questions, putting survivors in the driver's seat to get help for themselves or someone they know.



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