

# Sexist and sexual violence at parties

## DEFINITION

**Sexist and sexual violence refers to any situation where one person imposes a sexual remark, behavior, or contact on another.** It particularly affects women, LGBT+ people (lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender, etc.), members of ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities.

**They are particularly present in festive settings** (concerts, evenings, festivals, etc.) and can take many forms: **heavy flirting, insults, rubbing, sexual assault, rape, etc.**

## KEY FIGURES

66%

**66% of victims of sexist and sexual violence in party environments are women.**

57%

**57% of women say they do not feel safe when alone in a party environment.**

60%

**60% of women have already been victims of harassment or sexual assault in a party environment.** This figure is probably underestimated: many cases of sexual assault are not perceived as such by the victims.

78%

**78% of those surveyed have at least one person in their circle who has already been the victim of sexual assault in party venues.**

89%

**89% of people expect organizers of festive events to take measures to combat violence.**

## ISSUES



The consumption of narcotics, legal (alcohol) or illegal, very present in party circles, is often linked to sexist and sexual violence. In particular, aggressors can administer substances to their victims in secret or under threat (chemical submission), which is in itself violence, but also an aggravating circumstance.



The fear of being attacked pushes those most likely to be victims of sexual violence to change their behavior, to adopt "avoidance strategies" (not going to the toilet alone, thinking about what to wear), which constitutes additional pressure.



Very often, people who experience sexist or sexual assault in a party environment feel a great deal of guilt, which can push them not to talk about what they have experienced.

## RESOURCES



The Consentis association develops training courses and prevention kits specific to party environments, intended for victims and witnesses: <https://www.consentis.info>



The Monte ta Soirée project supports party organizers in setting up events that are mindful of the health and safety of the public, and also acts at the heart of festive gatherings: <https://montetasoiree.com/>



The Safer system allows event organizers to implement measures to prevent violence at their events, in particular with an application that can be downloaded by participants to report themselves as witnesses or victims of aggression: <https://espace-safer.com/>

**Request our training on sexist and sexual violence to go further (in French only) !**