

## ACQUAINTANCE RAPE: A REVIEW

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### ABSTRACT

*The sex role socialization theory of rape suggests that the situational setting in which a rape is shown, as well as individual variations in sex role stereotypes, may influence rape responses. Even though the majority of rapes are acquaintance rapes, previous research on women's fear of rape has concentrated on women's concerns related to stranger rape. In this research, 139 college women filled out a questionnaire on their anxieties, protective practices, and attitudes about stranger and acquaintance rape. Women reported being more afraid of stranger rape than of rape by acquaintances, and they reported participating in more cautious actions as a result of their dread of stranger rape. They created more scenarios in which they feared stranger rape than acquaintance rape when asked to self-generate situations in which they feared rape. Surprisingly, they believe acquaintance rape is more frequent. Fear level was the greatest predictor of precautionary conduct. Women's reactions were unaffected by a history of acquaintance rape. There includes a discussion of the theoretical and pedagogical consequences.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Acquaintance Rapes, Precautionary, Self-Generated Fear, Pedagogical Impacts, Women.*

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