Intentional Drugging and Sexual Assault

1 in 5 victims of sexual assault believes they were intentionally drugged.

**Victim Facts**

- Almost all are female.
- 3 in 4 delay seeking help for over 12 hrs.
- 1 in 3 use prescription drugs such as anti-depressants (within the 72 hrs before the assault).
- Half are assaulted by a friend or acquaintance.
- 2 in 3 suspect they were drugged through a drink.
- 46% are injured in the assault.
- 31% are socializing at a club, bar, lounge or restaurant.
- Another 25% are at a party or other social event.
- 71% are uncertain about what happened.

Compared with other sexual assault victims, **victims of intentional drugging and sexual assault** are more likely to:

- Be employed (64% vs 43%)
- Drink alcohol (immediately before the assault) (88% vs 59%)
- Use over-the-counter medicine such as cough syrup (within the 72 hrs before the assault) (26% vs 8%)
- Use street drugs such as marijuana and/or cocaine (within the 72 hrs before the assault) (27% vs 20%)

All of the data presented here are from these articles, which are freely available online: