CONTINUUM OF SEXUAL AGGRESSION (handout)

Sexual assault is not an isolated act; it is on a continuum with (related to) other common events/activities, both illegal and legal.

Offenders may act out the whole continuum.

Although it may be unacknowledged or not experienced as distressful, most women have experienced some act that falls within this continuum.

The common denominator for this continuum is lack of respect.

- Suggestive looks
- Sexist comments, jokes
- Verbal harassment
- Harassment
- Obscene phone calls
- Peeping
- Exposure
- Frottage
- Sexual Assault
- Aggravated Sexual Assault
- Sexual Assault/Murder