



Sexual **A**ssault **Y**early **S**peak **O**ut

CALL FOR STORIES

The New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault and the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Planning Committee are collecting stories from NYC residents about the circumstances and aftermath of sexual violence. The hardest thing about fighting rape is the feeling of shame that many survivors feel. By breaking the silence, we mean to break the shame.

What we will do with your story: For 24 hours, from noon April 21 through noon April 22nd, volunteers will gather in Union Square Park to read survivors' stories at the third annual **Sexual Assault Yearly Speak Out (SAYSO!)**. *Reading at the event is not required, but you are welcome to participate. Stories will only be used for this event. Please indicate if you would like us to keep your story for future SAY SO! events.*

Some things to consider: Sharing your story can be liberating and empowering. It can also be traumatic. Please exercise caution when considering sharing your story. If you have any doubts, consider submitting your story anonymously.

How to submit your story: Please share only those details you are comfortable providing. This may include your relationship to the abuser/s (partner, stranger, family member, clergy, etc.); how it affected you and those close to you; the response from local law enforcement, your community, congregation, workplace or family; your healing process; and what was helpful to you along the way. Co-survivors, such as a spouse, partner or friend, may submit their experiences. Co-survivors are asked not to disclose the survivor's identity. You may publish your story anonymously or by using your first or full name.

Send your story to:

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or

Stories

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