

Dynamics of Assault

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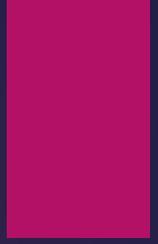
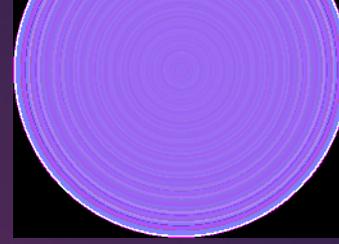
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Today's objectives

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- ▶ Define assault and identify its 3 key elements.
- ▶ Distinguish between 5 types of assault.
- ▶ Identify problems with assault that exist in your own community.
- ▶ Identify potential solutions to current problems using resources or ideas from your community.



Anchoring Activity

Discuss with partners:

- ▶ What is your experience dealing with assault in your community?
- ▶ What are the types of assaults that seem more common or are increasing in number?
- ▶ Why are you here? What would you like to get out of this workshop?

Assault

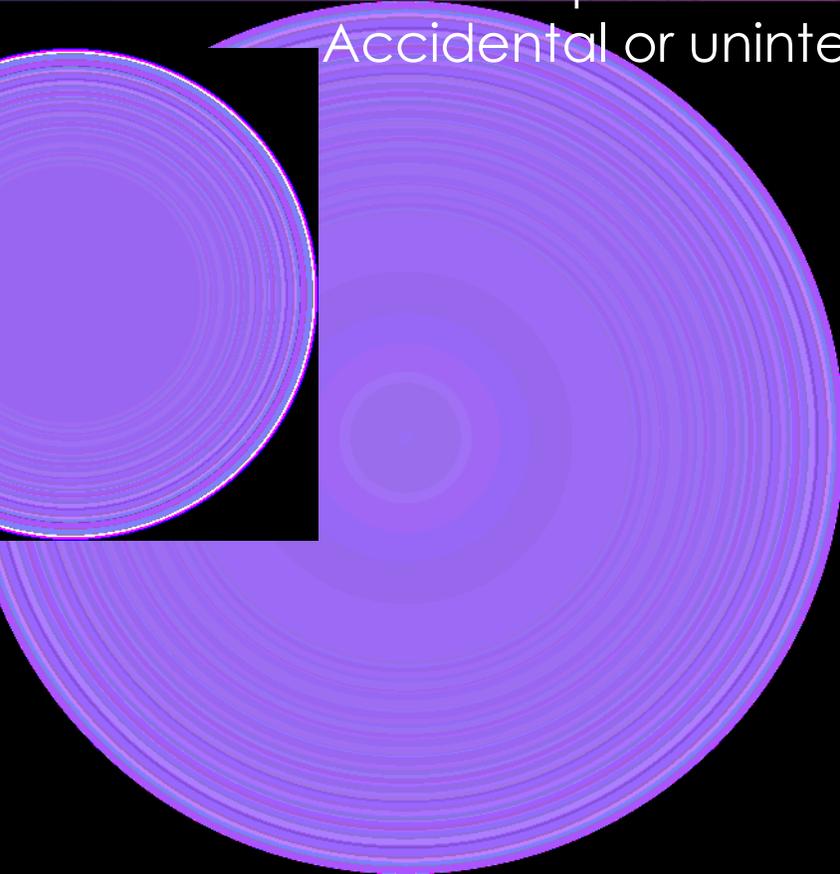
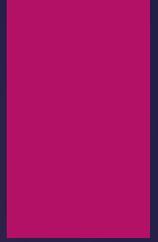
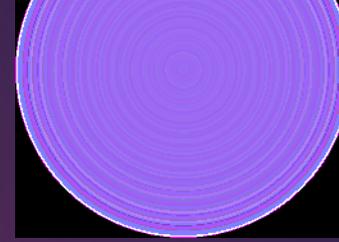
- ▶ An unlawful physical attack upon another; an intentional or reckless act that causes another person to expect to be subjected to immediate and unlawful violence.

Three Key Elements to an Assault

- ▶ Intentional
- ▶ Reasonable Apprehension
- ▶ Harm

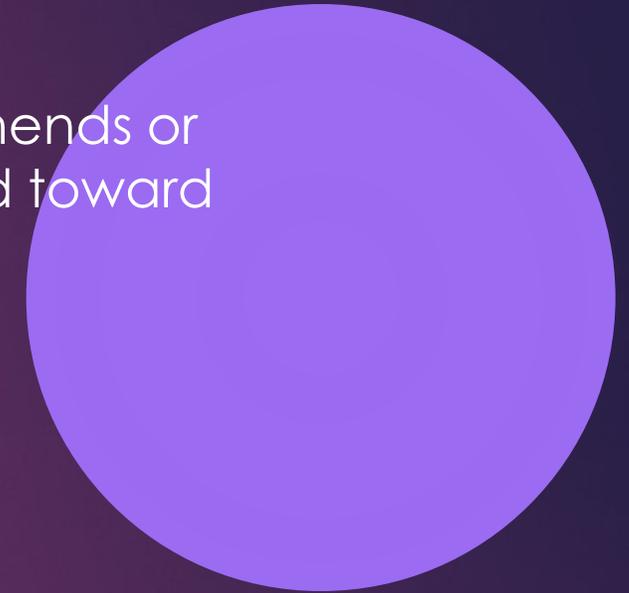
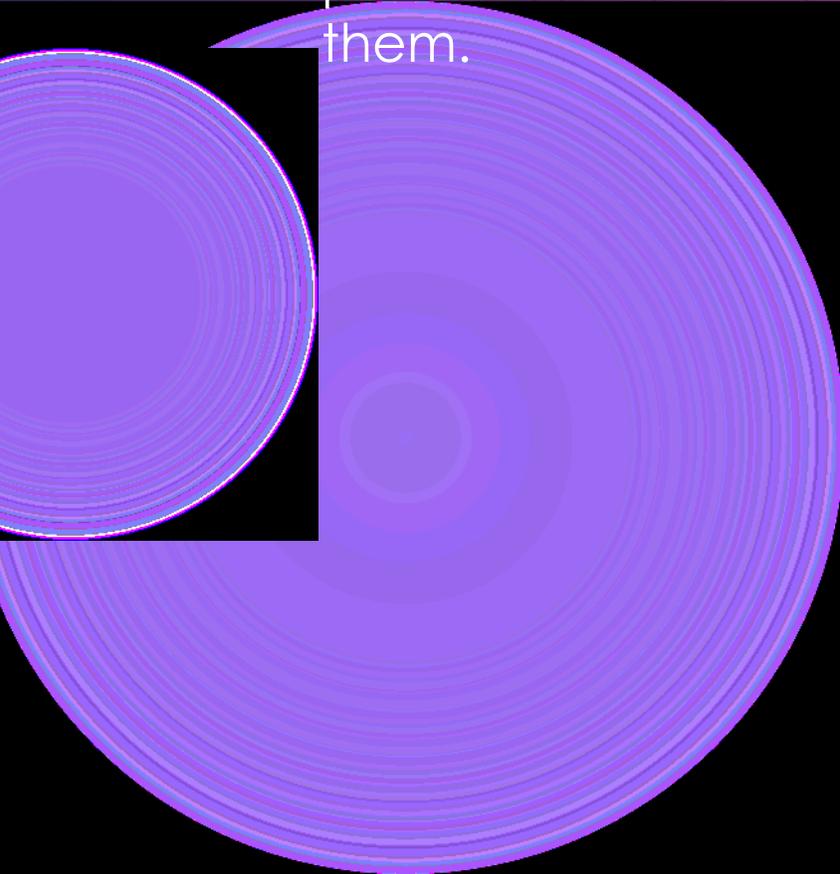
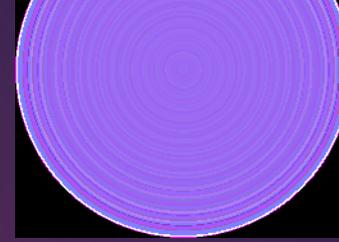
Intentional

- ▶ The defendant needs to act intentionally in “scaring” or threatening the other person into believing that the harm is immediate. Accidental or unintentional acts do not count as assault.



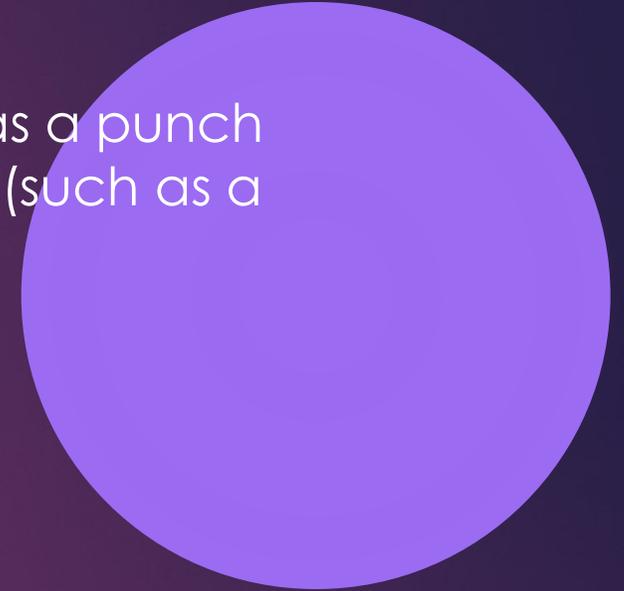
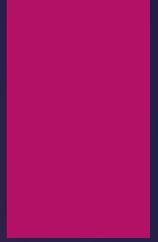
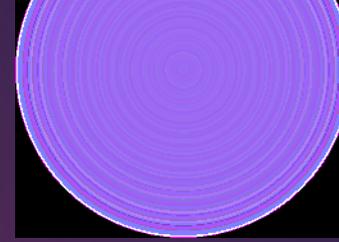
Reasonable Apprehension

- ▶ Reasonable apprehension means that the victim apprehends or perceives that a harm or threat of harm is being directed toward them.



Harm

- ▶ The harm can be either a threat of physical harm (such as a punch or kick, etc.), or a threat of unwanted, offensive contact (such as a sexually suggestive touch or embrace).



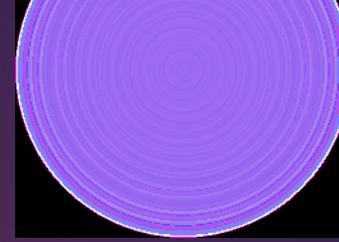
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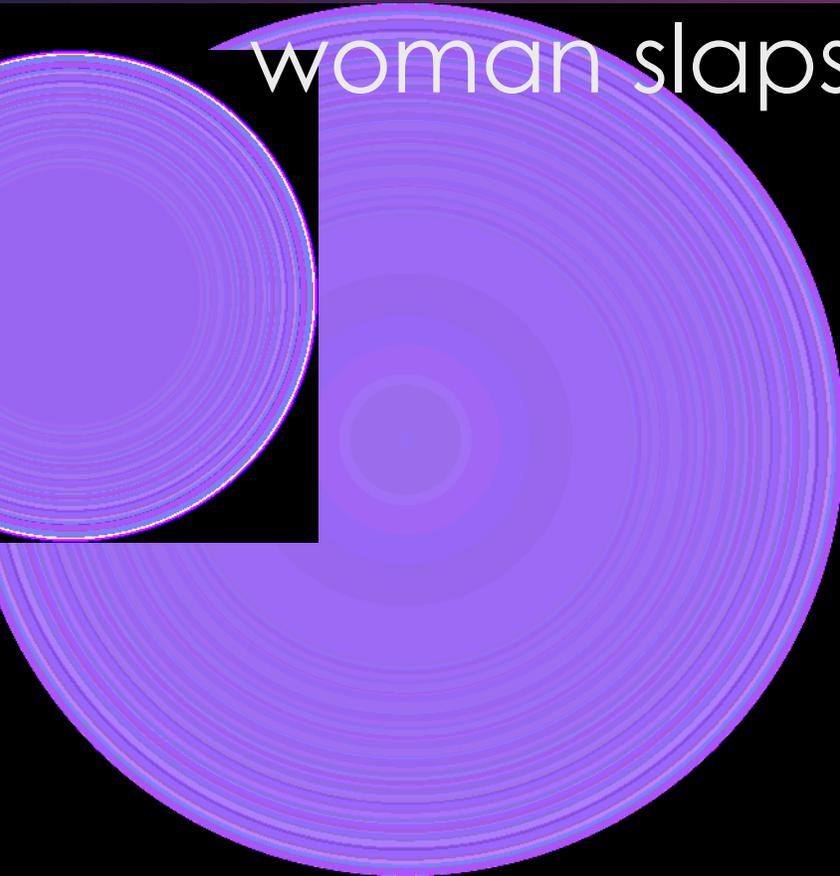
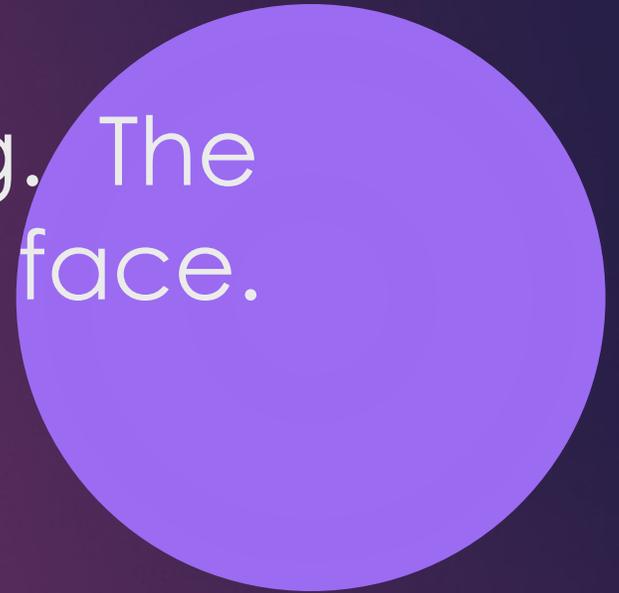
3 Key Elements of Assault:

- Intentional
- Reasonable Apprehension
- Harm

Is this an assault?



A man and woman were arguing. The woman slaps the man across the face.

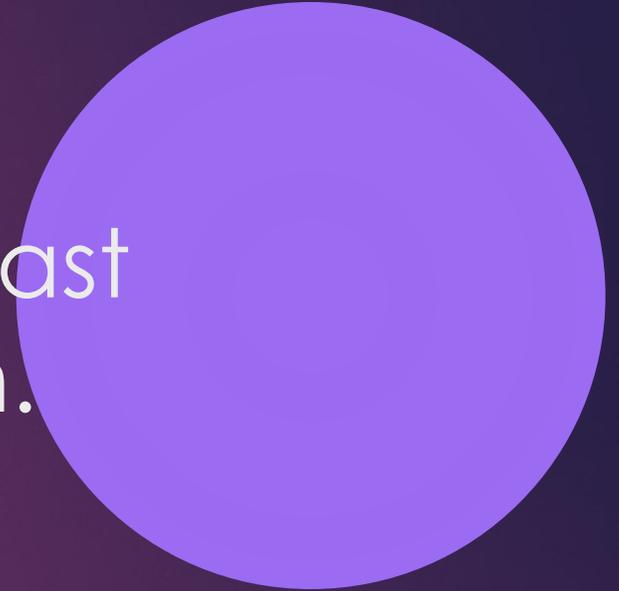
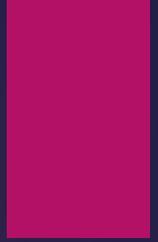
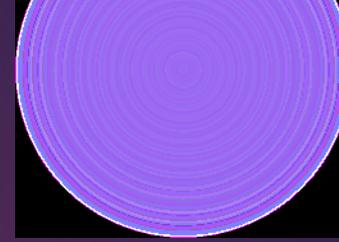


Is this an assault?

- ▶ A man sitting on a bus has his legs crossed blocking the aisle. Another man walks over and pushes his leg to get to get through the aisle and off the bus.

Is this assault?

- ▶ A man and a woman are in an elevator when the man walks past the woman and grabs her thigh.



Simple Assault

- ▶ Occurs when a weapon is not used and the resulting injuries that are caused to the victim are minor in nature.
- ▶ Example: scratch, slap, punch, finger poking, or push.



Physical Assault

- ▶ Causes grievous bodily harm.
- ▶ Example: punching, kick, black eye, bruising, busted lip.



Aggravated Assault

- ▶ Occurs with the use of a weapon and/or an amount of increased force.
- ▶ Example: gun, knife, bat, or shoe, or broken bones, strangulation, or severe injury.



Felonious Assault

- ▶ Is an unlawful attack or attempted attack, accomplished through force or violence, that causes physical injury to another person.
- ▶ Example: If a serious injury occurs due to an assault using hands, fist, or feet, it is also deemed a felonious assault.



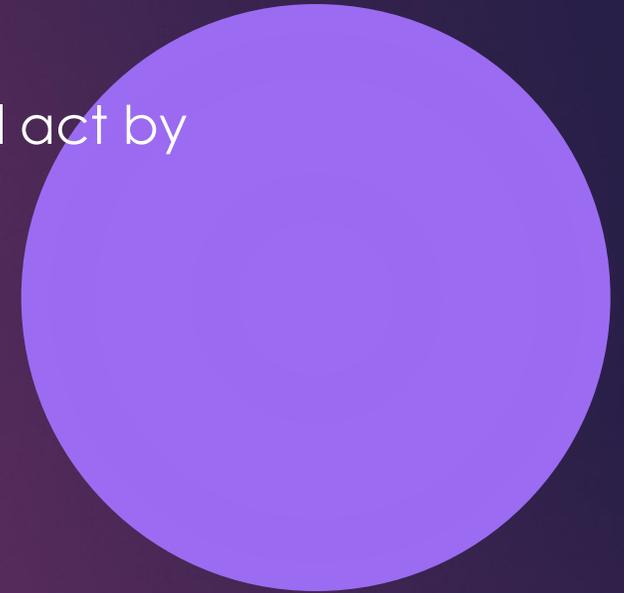
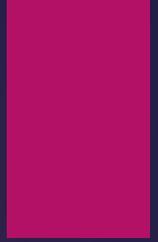
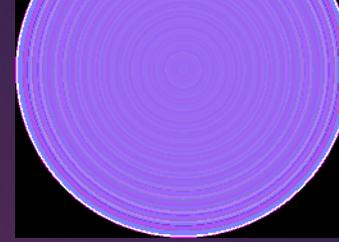
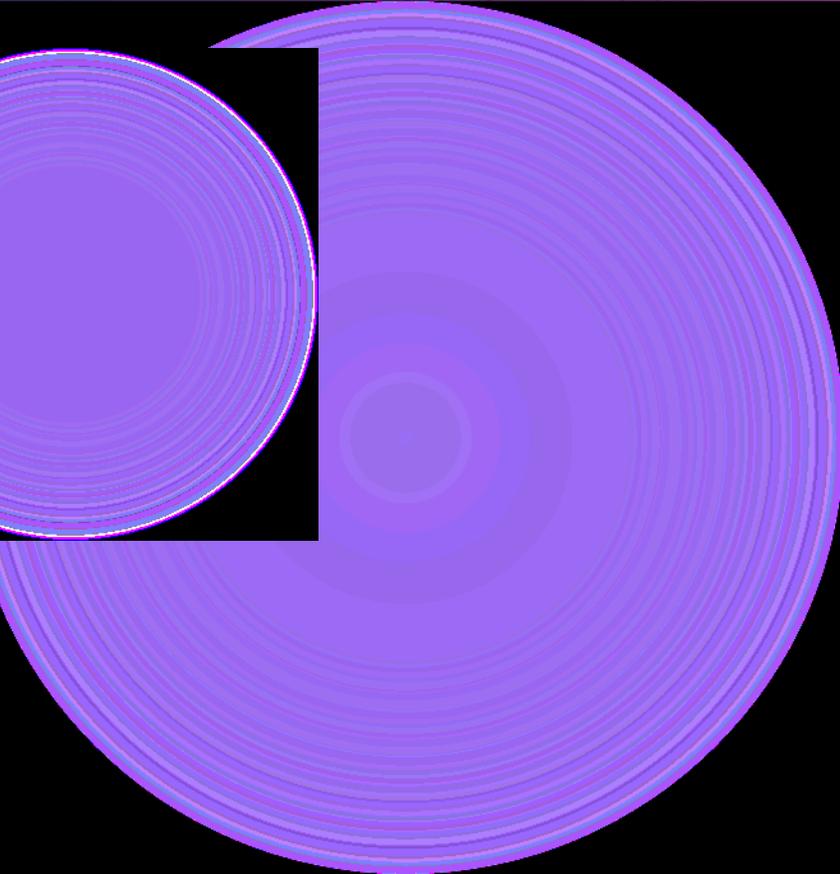
Domestic Assault

- ▶ The inflicting of physical injury by one family or household member on another.



Sexual assault

- ▶ Cause another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat.



Questions



5 Types of Assault:

- Simple Assault
- Physical Assault
- Aggravated Assault
- Felonious Assault
- Domestic Assault

Discussion

- ▶ What resources or programs do you have for the victims and the abusers in your community?
- ▶ What solutions have been done? What programs and ideas have been introduced in your community?
- ▶ What are cultural considerations to keep in mind in these situations?
- ▶ What else do you need to be successful in addressing assault in your community? What would help?

Statistics

- ▶ According to the FBI'S Uniform Crime Report (UCR).
- ▶ All of the offenses in the violent crime category –murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery– showed increases when data from the first six months of 2016 were compared with data from the first six months of 2015.

National Report

- ▶ The number of aggravated assaults increased 6.5 percent.
- ▶ murders increased 5.2 percent.
- ▶ rapes increased 4.4 percent.
- ▶ robbery offenses were up 3.2 percent.
- ▶ Violent crime increased in all four regions of the nation.
- ▶ The crimes were up 6.4 percent in the West, 5.9 percent in both the Midwest and in the South, and 1.2 percent in the Northeast.

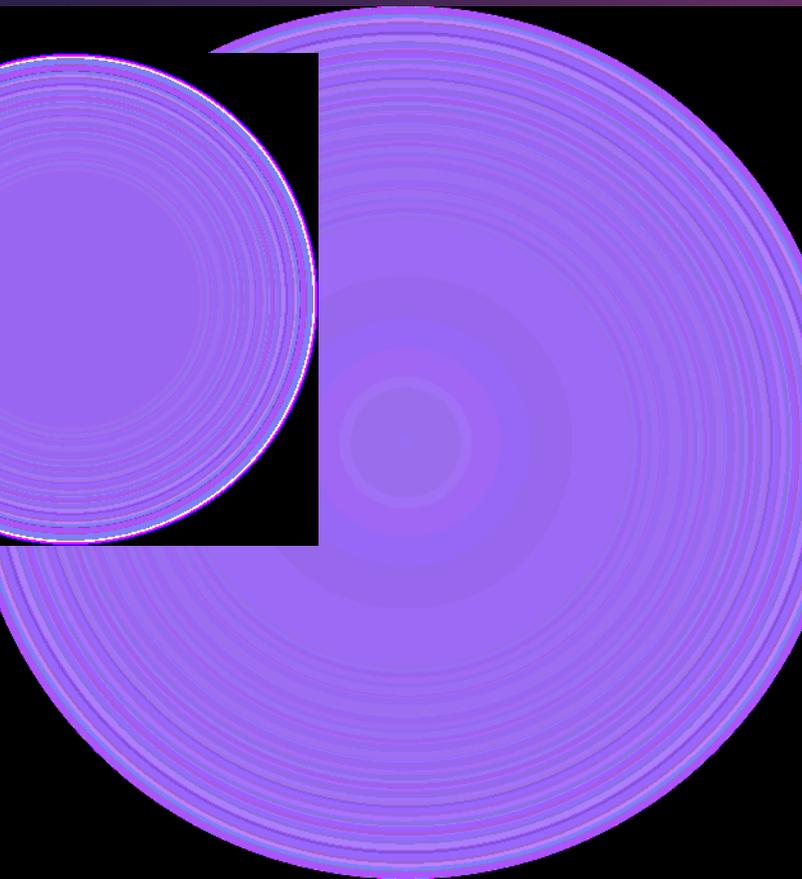
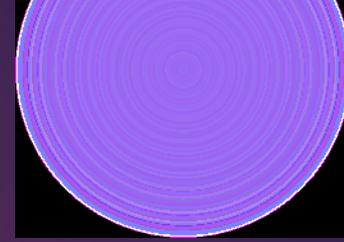
Application Activity

- ▶ Chris responded to an assault in a housing area in his community. On arrival, the victims explained that two masked subjects broke down the front door with shotguns and beat up the home owners (a man and his wife) while their two children were also in the home. The wife had also been raped by one of the subjects. Both victims were severely beaten and had to be transported to the hospital. At the hospital, family members of the victims started to arrive, and assumptions of who the two masked subjects might be started to be mentioned. The family members started to get more upset and wanted to go look for the two subjects they thought it could be in the community.

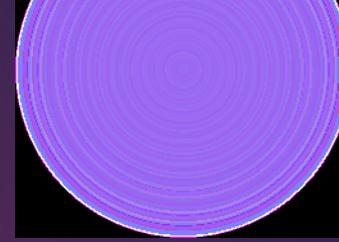
Discussion Questions

- ▶ What are the first steps you would take in this situation, according to your job role in the community?
- ▶ What problems do you think you would encounter when addressing this case, and how would you solve them?
- ▶ What are the cultural considerations, if any, to keep in mind when dealing with this situation?
- ▶ How can you provide support, now and in the future, to help the victims, the family members, and the community?

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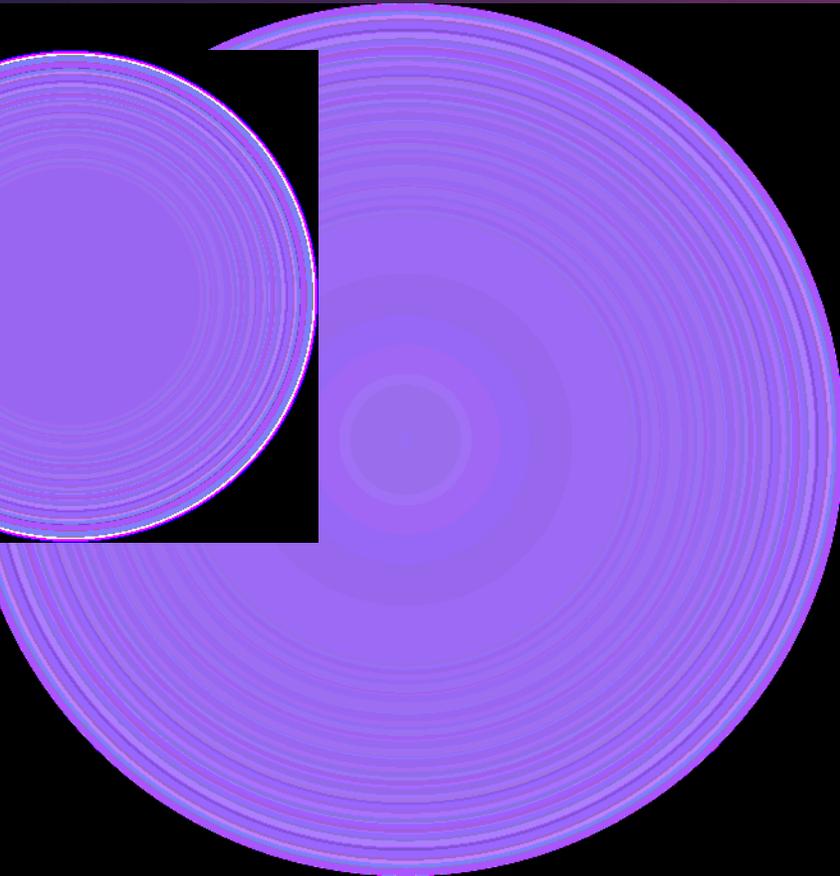


Conclusion



▶ Thank You!

▶ Post-Test



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