

Teal
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It seems ridiculous that women go everywhere with a friend, including the bathroom. It has been engrained into my mind, as well as many other women, to never to go anywhere alone. The problem is that most rapists and attackers are people we know and not just strangers. No one is being held responsible for the abuse.

My photographs illustrate a range of reactions to express that not all people are going to fight due to fear. Rape can happen no matter the clothing or setting. My work shows an array of actions to illuminate how any unwanted advance, whether it is sexual assault or domestic violence, is unacceptable.

With my work, I am holding you, the viewer, responsible by composing my photographs from the attacker's point of view. It is everyone's job to teach people not to rape or abuse rather than teaching women how not to get raped or how not to be abused. It is our job as human beings to care more about the victim than the attacker, no matter how much "potential" they may have had. The attacker is not just someone who "made a little mistake," nor did they just have "20 minutes of action." They have brutally changed another human's life and do not deserve an opportunity to do it again.