



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

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24-Hour Hotline
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What is Take Back The Night?

Take Back The Night is an internationally recognized event that takes the form of a rally and/or march. There are as many different forms of Take Back The Night as there are communities in where they are held. Take Back The Night can include all or just one of the following: a candlelight vigil, a rally, a survivor speakout, and a public march. Many organizations also incorporate art exhibits, musicians, poetry readings and/or the Clothesline Project. Take Back The Night events are designed to bring awareness, inspiration and empowerment to individuals and communities.

Checklist of Tasks

Coordination of tasks

- Designate project coordinators
- Develop a list of potential endorsers
- Schedule planning sessions
- Develop "countdown calendar" of tasks
- Recruit volunteers from endorsing organizations
- Develop list of potential speakers
- Design logo

Correspondence

- Write letters to potential endorsers
- Write letters to potential speakers
- Invite survivors, supporters and crisis counselors
- Invite elected officials and dignitaries
- Invite victim service providers to supply information
- Send thank you letters to everyone after the event

Publicity

- Develop and distribute flyers
- Design and produce programs
- Produce and sell buttons, bumper stickers, etc.
- Produce and sell t-shirts
- Prepare a banner
- Prepare flags, costumes, dine-ins
- Organize a poster party
- Contact media: public service announcements, press releases, follow-up phone calls
- Produce media kits
 - Press Release
 - Schedule of Events
 - Directions to Events

Logistics

- Plan route of march and site for rally
- Obtain permits
- Secure street closures for march route
- Arrange for security
- Arrange for music
- Arrange for food and/or other refreshments
- Make provisions for bad weather
- Contact local women merchants
- Secure tables
- Secure sound system and stage or platform
- Secure color guards or marshals
- Secure candles or glow sticks
- Schedule crisis counselors for survivors who need to talk
- Arrange for cleanup crew

List of Supplies

- Candles/glow sticks
- Megaphone
- Posters
- Sound system
- Tables
- Matches
- Paper plates (as wax catchers)





TAKE BACK THE NIGHT CHANTS

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People unite / Take back the night

What do we want? / Safe streets / When do we want them? / Now

Take back the night / The time is here / We will not be controlled by fear

Join together / Free our lives / We will not be victimized

We have the power / We have the right / The streets are ours / Take back the night

Hey Hey Ho Ho / Sexual assault has got to go

Yes means yes / No means no / Whatever we wear / Wherever we go

Out of our homes (dorms) / Into the streets / We won't be raped / We won't be beat

Women (survivors) united / Will never be defeated

We are women / We are strong / Violence against us / Has lived too long

Sexist / Rapist / Anti-gay / You can't take our night away

Wish I may / Wish I might / Free our lives / Take back the night

Strong women / Proud women / Together tonight / No more fright /
Together we fight

Old / Young / Black / White / All women / Take back the night

2-4-6-8 / Pornography is woman hate

Daughters and sisters / Mothers and wives / Take back the night/ Its half our lives

Hey Hey Ho Ho / (Name of sauna or strip bar in your area) has got to go

Na na na na! Na na na na! / Hey rapist ... good-bye!

