

Sexual violence in young men and women in Chile: Results from a 2005 survey of university students

Violencia sexual en hombres y mujeres jóvenes en Chile: Resultados de una encuesta (año 2005) a estudiantes universitarios

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Background: Experiences of sexual violence in adolescence and young adulthood have received little attention in Chilean public health research and practice. **Aim:** To describe the prevalence and contexts of sexual violence victimization in a sample of university students in Chile. **Material and Methods:** A self-administered, quantitative survey including items on sexual violence was completed by 484 female and 466 male students at a public university in Chile in 2005. **Results:** Thirty-one percent of women and 21% of men reported having experienced at least one incident of sexual violence since age 14; the corresponding percentages for the past 12 months were 17% and 12%, respectively. The perpetrators were identified predominantly as an acquaintance; another important fraction corresponded to a partner or a date. Alcohol or other substances were involved in most cases. Among students who indicated having been assaulted, the incident was reported to the police by none of the men and 2% of wo