

MVP Playbook Scenarios

The following scenarios are designed to raise awareness about the issues of:

- Battering
- Rape
- Peer Pressure
- Sexual Harassment

Slap-shot

You're hanging out with a group of people and you see one of the guy's slap his girlfriend. Several people see it happen but don't do anything. He's not a close friend, but you see him around.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT:

If nobody is stepping in, why should I? ... It could get ugly ... He could turn on me ... Am I ready to get into a fight, if it comes to that? ... What if he's got a weapon? ... Besides, if the girlfriend didn't like that sort of treatment, wouldn't she already have broken up with him? ... Is it any of my business? ... But if I don't do something, I'm saying it's okay for a guy to abuse a woman? ... What should I do in this situation?

OPTIONS:

- _____ 1. Nothing, it's none of my business.
- _____ 2. Say something and/or get a bunch of people to contain the boyfriend, while others try to get the woman away from him.
- _____ 3. Talk to the woman, and let her know I am willing to help her.
- _____ 4. When he calms down, either on the scene or later on, talk to him about getting help to deal with his abusive behavior.
- _____ 5. Report the incident to a person in authority (parent, teacher, police, etc.).
- _____ 6. Personal Option: _____

REJECTION

You're walking through the mall and you see a couple guys taunting a girl. They keep touching and grabbing her inappropriately even though she is telling them to "stop!"

TRAIN OF THOUGHT:

Are they just playing around? ... Or could this be a serious situation? ... They may all be friends, but it doesn't look like she wants this to continue ... I'm in a position to respond immediately. But if I intervene these guys might freak and attack me? ... Should I take the chance? ... What chance does she have if I don't? ... What should I do?

OPTIONS:

- _____ 1. Ignore the commotion. I don't know for sure what's happening, and it's really none of my business.
- _____ 2. Contact a security guard, inform them of the situation, and urge them to do something.
- _____ 3. Walk by and ask the girl if she is okay.
- _____ 4. Recruit another person, and then go to the group and shout, "What's going on here!"
- _____ 5. Personal Option: _____

ILLEGAL MOTION

At a party, you see a friend trying to get a girl who'd been drinking to have sex with him. She's not just buzzed; she's stumbling over her own feet. You know the girl and she seems reluctant.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT:

Maybe they are dating. But she can't be fully consenting if she's drunk, can she? ... What about my relationship with my friend? ... Is he older than I am? ... Does he have more status? ... Will he even listen to me? ... Is it part of my responsibility as a friend to provide him with some guidance? ... What, if anything, am I supposed to do in a situation like this?

OPTIONS:

- _____ 1. Nothing, it's none of my business.
 - _____ 2. Talk to my friend. Remind him that he has to be real careful in dealing sexually with a drunken girl, but back off if he won't listen.
 - _____ 3. Try to convince my friend to leave the girl alone.
 - _____ 4. Find one or more of her friends and urge them to take her home.
 - _____ 5. Tell the host or hostess of the party that I'm worried about the situation, and warn them they might have some responsibility to act.
 - _____ 6. Personal Option: _____
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TALKING TRASH

You're hanging out with three of your friends. A girl you all saw recently at a party passes by, wearing a short, tight skirt. Your friends begin calling her a "slut" and a "ho." The girl is obviously getting upset. But they continue by making crude gestures and harassing remarks, referring to her body and clothes, and saying things like "you know you like it."

TRAIN OF THOUGHT:

Is she really upset, or does she like the attention? ... Is it true what they are saying? ... Does it matter? ... If I remain silent, am I endorsing my friend's behavior? ... What if she tells other people about this incident? ... Will I have to lie for my friends? ... What should I do?

OPTIONS:

- _____ 1. Keep quiet.
- _____ 2. Join in (although my heart's not in it) because I don't want my friends to think less of me.
- _____ 3. Drift off to the side, away from that activity. Later, apologize to the woman for my friends' immature and sexist behavior.
- _____ 4. Distract my friends by saying something like "that's not cool!" and try to convince them to stop.
- _____ 5. Leave the scene, but later talk to each guy individually and let him know that I have a problem with the way they treated this girl.
- _____ 6. Personal Option: _____
