



# We See

## What We See Changes Who We Are

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## I see you

By WITNESS Youth Staff

Dear Dad,  
I see you. I see the way you treat mom. You curse her, you push her, you slap her and you torment her. But why? Why do these things? Don't you see how scared she is every day and every time she's around you? She shivers every time you look at her, she cowers when you pass by and she sleeps with her eyes wide open. What sense does it make causing pain to your own wife, someone who you swore to love and to take care of for the rest of your life? This not only hurts her, but it hurts me. The pain I feel is nothing compared to the pain mom feels. You are too foolish to think no one hears you or sees you. But I do. I HEAR you, I SEE you. So dad, please stop. Please don't hit mom, don't curse her nor torment her because the pain she feels, I feel.

Sincerely,  
All who witness...



WITNESS YOUTH Participated in Domestic Walk

## ABUSE

By WITNESS Youth Staff

It leaves its victims in distress,

It forces them to undress.

It consumes them! Takes them whole!

IT'S FIVE LETTERS, ONE WORD. Black as coal.

It's something we all SHOULD detest.

P.S for each "it" there is one line...:) ( the poem is a limerick)( the word is abuse).

## Keep your Damn Hands and Penis to Yourself!!!!

By WITNESS Youth Staff

Let me state firstly that I am a guy and secondly if you, kind and lovely reader, are also a male, "Keep your Damn Hands and Penis to Yourself!" As of recently, I was exposed to the reality in which I've been living... I've been unaware of its existence... GROPING IN GUYANA!! Yes, groping! And it's not just a little groping behind somewhere; I mean public groping and sexual harassment of women and men in GUYANA. I've heard of incidents but the rate of it is astounding and increasing.

In India and a number of Asian countries groping is an extreme problem. It's such a problem that their females grow with a sense of fear, as they can be groped at any point, anytime, anywhere. It is said that every hour 2 women are raped, 1 is molested and 4 are sexually harassed in India. This is one MAJOR PROBLEM that resonates with all our social problems especially: we don't talk about it, thus we're accepting it, and thus we're encouraging the Perp/Pervert to continue.

The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission states, "It is unlawful to harass a person (an applicant or employee) because of that person's sex." Harassment can include "sexual harassment" or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature to anyone. Groping is touching or fondling another person in a sexual way using the hands. If you didn't know before, well you know NOW!!

I've been aware of the term "sexual harassment" since I was very small, but it took maturity and talking about it with persons who have suffered from it before until I truly understood the term. Then I started to remember how a friend was in her father's bus one day when the man sitting next to her took out his penis and began to show it to her. Another friend and her friend were standing on Main Street waiting for a bus when they noticed a man masturbating while watching them from across the street, and there are countless other stories.

To everyone I say, Talk! Talk about your experiences, talk about rape, talk about the boss and his wandering hands, talk about it! To the Victims, I say, Talk! Talk about it with your family, your friends and your enemies. Just because some party in the justice system isn't doing their part doesn't mean you will sit in a corner and accept this abuse. You can't survive happily that way. So talk - let out the anger, let out the hurt and feel free of the control these men will have on you if you continue in fear. All of this plus you will educate and bring awareness to the problem, which forces a solution to be made.

To the Perpetrators, I say, "Keep your Damn Hands and Penis to Yourself!" If you want to have sex and girls don't fall for your lack of charm go pay a prostitute. If you want to masturbate do it at home. If you want to touch another human being touch yourself and use your imagination cause understand this: the people—especially women—around you aren't here for your sexual and psychological satisfaction, there are sex dolls for that. If you find your behaviour is unbecoming and is holding you back you need to break this Now!! You can do it and you must for your sake and the sake of the Noose Operator. There are places that can help, support groups and services. And because it's Guyanese does NOT mean you can't find help. I believe that in order to change society we all have to change, because we are the society, good and bad.



## “What we see changes who we are.” – JR

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