

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN STARTS WITH DISRESPECT. OUR EXCUSES LET IT GROW.

Violence against women is hurting our communities.

The cycle of violence starts with disrespect towards women and girls.

When we make excuses like *"It's just boys being boys"*, we allow disrespectful attitudes to grow in our kids. We bring up our girls to think disrespect is normal when we tell them *"He's only doing it because he likes you"*. We play down unacceptable behaviour by saying *"Don't worry, he's had a bad day"*.

Without realising it, we're letting disrespect be a normal part of growing up.

That makes us part of the problem.

We can be part of the solution.

Together we can work towards breaking the cycle of violence.
Then our communities will stay strong.

STOP the excuses.

START talking about respect.

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