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# #AskForAngela: How To Keep Ravers Safe

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Anyone who has been part of the rave scene for a while knows that we all stand by PLUR. However, we can't always be so sure of whom we trust. Sexual harassment at festivals is an ongoing problem that needs to be fixed. Many of you may already be aware of the [#AskForAngela campaign](#). Please spread the word!

#AskForAngela is a scheme that both women and men can use in hopes of reducing sexual violence and vulnerability. #AskForAngela is there to help you discretely - without any fuss - on first dates, tinder dates, or literally any uncomfortable experience at an event.

How It Works:



#AskForAngela Instruction Poster

For instance, say a fan approaches a DJ at a show and asks the question, "Hey is Angela working tonight?" If the DJ is aware of the #AskForAngela initiative, they would instantly know what the fan was referencing. The DJ would then approach the nearest security guard with the same question. The security guard would take action by escorting the fan through the back of the venue and into a taxi. Their "date," upon returning from the bathroom, would be asked to leave immediately by management.

### Spread The Word:

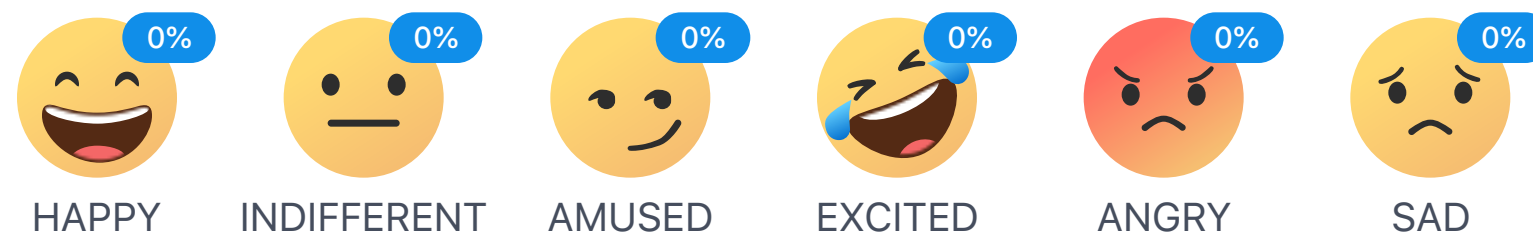
This phrase could help in all different types of situations. It's just very important that we spread the word in our community in order to prevent sexual violence and uncomfortable situations. I urge all bouncers, door staff, bar staff, and managers to educate themselves with this concept. There is even a variation of the term proposed by asking a bartender for an "Angela Shot".

#AskForAngela was first launched in the UK in 2016, but it's time we shine a light on it again. Committing sexual assault is extremely unacceptable behavior, and I know it is impossible to prevent it but #AskForAngela is a step to promote and uphold safety among all individuals.

Please share this with your rave family, and if you are in the hospitality business please train your staff.

What is your reaction?

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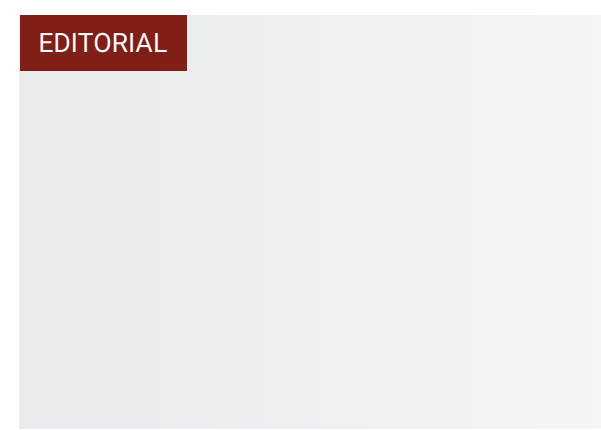
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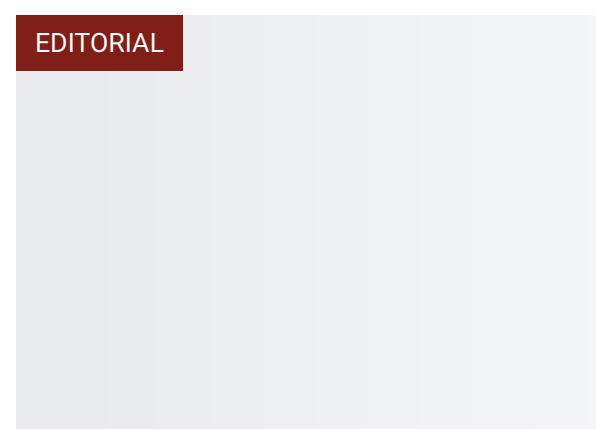
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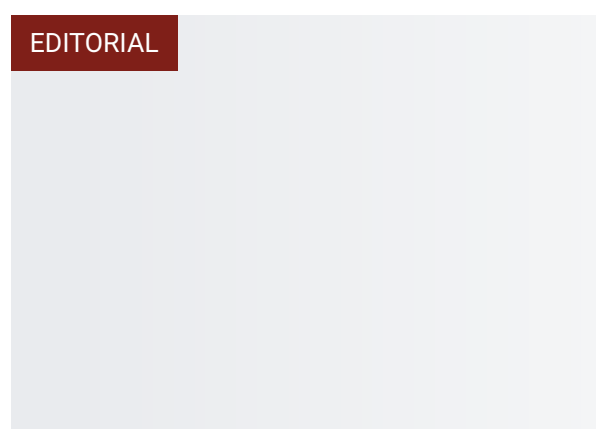
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