

Testimonies

ANONYMOUS

Unfiltered anonymous testimonies from survivors, each sharing their stories with us.

When I was seven, I visited my family over the summer. We were playing hide and seek when my cousin (who was four years older than me) and I were paired to be the seekers. While we counted, he started to touch me in inappropriate places and pulled both of our pants. Every summer I went this happened. I didn't say anything out of fear that I wouldn't get to go on vacation.

I've had three different men who hurt me. The first time was when I was eight. My parents were separated, and we were invited by my uncle to come live with him and my aunt. My mother would've done anything to get my father back, so she moved us in with a known pedophile to be close to him. The abuse continued until I was eleven. When discovered, my parents told him if he went to counseling they wouldn't report him. It never stopped.

My father was the next one. At sixteen when I was maturing I felt like my dad was looking at my body. I took to wearing baggy clothes when I was home. He seemed to hate me I think because of what happened with my uncle. I know I was raped by him, but I don't remember much about what. I have cut off all contact with him and my mom.

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The third was my first husband. He was afraid I was going to leave him, so he started raping me and would poke holes in to the condoms in hopes I would get pregnant and stay with him. When I finally did leave him, I did try and prosecute but was told by the DA that my case was a waste of time.

The advice I would give, don't allow this to define you. Find a good therapist and support group, that helped most of all. But don't let ANYONE tell you must forgive them! You don't have to forgive but deal with your anger so you can move on.

I was raped by 2 guys who broke into my house when I was 18 years old, I knew both of the guys. I reported because I refused to be controlled in that way. One of the guys received 5 years in prison, the other received 45 years. I prefer to say I'm a part of the #IWILL group instead of #metoo. I will not let being a victim control me, I will make a difference.