

- Saying “No To Rape” is a simple idea:

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**Sexual violence by any person,
against any person, is criminal violence.**

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If you agree that forced sex is always rape, regardless of whether the perpetrator and victim are married, then this campaign belongs to you, and we need your support.

Our government believes that Singapore’s social norms support marital immunity for rape – that forced sex within the confines of marriage does not constitute rape.

To change the law, we must convince them that Singaporeans do not agree. The online petition at **NoToRape.com** serves as a powerful statement of our position. We need your help to spread the word to as many people as possible!

This toolkit contains a few resources to help you spread the word. While these suggestions are a good starting point, we’d like to encourage you to think of other creative ways to get the word out!

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FAQs and other resources,
buttons and banners for blogs: **NoToRape.com**
Facebook group: **NoToRape.com**
Email address: **NoToRape@gmail.com**

Please share any government feedback or new arguments and information that you encounter with us, so that we can share this with other campaigners.

It's very simple: if more people know and understand the campaign, we can gather more support and more signatures for the petition. The more signatures we have, the clearer it will be that Singaporeans do not support marital immunity for rape.

Tell even ONE person and they will tell others, who will continue to spread the word and gather support. Together, we can make meaningful change. Here are some suggestions to help you spread the word about the No To Rape campaign:

Put up copies of the poster

This kit contains a simple one-page poster which you can print out on regular A4 paper. Pin it up on public notice boards at your school, your office, your HDB block, your place of worship, or your community centre. Ask the staff at your favourite coffee shop, café, bar, or retail shop if they can display it there, too.

Hand out copies of the poster or flyer

This kit contains a simple one-page poster or flyer which you can print out on regular A4 paper. Set up a table at your local estate, in your school, or on your campus, at a shopping centre, at your place of worship, or anywhere else you'll meet lots of people, and hand out copies of the leaflet.

Talk about the campaign

People will have questions about the campaign. Organise discussions at your educational institution, community centre, place of worship, or other gathering. Hold a meeting and encourage participants to share their views on the subject. If you are at school, ask if you can make an announcement at the school assembly, or at the start or end of a lecture. Contact **NoToRape@gmail.com** if you need help putting an event together – we can provide information and perhaps arrange for speakers at your event.

Talk to your Member of Parliament (MP)

The area (constituency) you live in is represented by an MP who is responsible for making things better for you. This kit contains a list of MPs for each constituency and the times, dates, and places of the open meetings where you can give your feedback. Attend the meeting – by yourself or with others from your constituency – and tell your MP that you oppose marital immunity for rape. Make your voice heard, and be sure to let your MP know it's an important issue to you.

Online action

Tell everyone you know about NoToRape.com. Use email, Facebook, MySpace, Friendster, blogs, Twitter and all the other methods you use to keep in touch with friends and family. You can find HTML code for buttons and banners at **NoToRape.com**.

The leaflet is on the next page. →

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■ **MEET THE PEOPLE SESSIONS SCHEDULE**

You may have more than one MP if you live in a GRC. If you do not know which constituency you live in, you can find out at www.parliament.gov.sg.

	MPs	Meet the People Session
ALJUNIED GRC	Lim Hwee Hua	Mon 7.30pm except public holiday, eve Blk 125 Serangoon North Ave 1 #01-133
	Cynthia Phua	Tue 7.45pm to 10.00pm except 5th Tue, public holiday Blk 115 Hougang Ave 1 #01-1306
	Yeo Guat Kwang	Mon 7.30pm Blk 632 Hougang Ave 8 #01-28
	George Yeo Yong-Boon	1st & 3rd Tue 7.30pm except public holiday Blk 414 Hougang Ave 10 #01-1256 2nd & 4th Tue 7.30 pm except public holiday Blk 713 Bedok Reservoir Road #01-3960
	Zainul Abidin Rasheed	Tue 7pm except 5th Tue Blk 616 Bedok Reservoir Road #01-1106
ANG MO KIO GRC	Balaji Sadasivan	1st Thu 8pm Blk 435 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10 #01-1393 Other Thu 8pm Blk 533 Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 #01-4100
	Inderjit Singh	Thu 8pm Blk 109 Ang Mo Kio Ave 4 #01-04
	Lee Hsien Loong	Wed 8pm Blk 322 Ang Mo Kio Ave 3 #01-1928
	Wee Siew Kim	1st & last Tue 8pm except public holiday Blk 556 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10 #01-1902 Other Tue 8pm except public holiday Blk 522 Serangoon North Ave 4 #01-154
	Lam Pin Min	Tue 8pm except public holiday Blk 303A, Anchorvale Link #01-81
	Lee Bee Wah	Thu 7pm to 9.30pm Blk 850 Yishun St 81 #01-94
BISHAN-TOA PAYOH GRC	Ng Eng Hen	Tue 8pm Blk 178 Toa Payoh Central #01-238
	Wong Kan Seng	Tue 8pm Blk 197 Bishan St 13
	Zainudin Nordin	Tue 8pm Blk 231 Bishan St 23 #01-21
	Hri Kumar Nair	Tue 8pm Blk 309 Shunfu Road #01-176 Thu 8pm Blk 128 Lorong 1 Toa Payoh #01-837
	Josephine Teo	Tue 8pm Blk 18 Toa Payoh Lorong 7 #01-240

BUKIT
PANJANG
GRC

MPs Meet the People Session
Teo Ho Pin Mon 8pm to 10pm
Blk 110 Gangsa Road #01-91

CHUA CHU
KANG
GRC

Gan Kim Yong Mon 8pm
Blk 10 Teck Whye Avenue #01-77

EAST COAST
GRC

Abdullah Tarmugi Mon 8pm
Blk 70 Bedok South Road #01-280

S Jayakumar Tue 7.30pm to 9pm
Blk 30 New Upper Changi Road #01-784

Raymond Lim
Siang Keat Wed 7.30pm
Blk 119 Bedok North Road #01-209

Lee Yi Shyan Mon 8pm
Blk 409 Bedok North Avenue 2 #01-32

Jessica Tan Soon Neo Mon 7.30pm
Blk 131 Simei St 1 #01-208

HOLLAND-BUKIT TIMAH
GRC

Lim Swee Say Mon 8pm
Blk 32 Holland Close #01-134

Vivian Balakrishnan Mon 8pm
Blk 545 Bukit Panjang Ring Road #01-871

Yu-Foo Yee Shoon 1st & 2nd Mon 8pm to 10pm
Blk 208 Jurong East Street 21 #01-189
3rd Mon 8pm to 10pm
Blk 9 Toh Yi Drive #01-321
4th & 5th Mon 8pm to 10pm
Blk 309 Clementi Ave 4 #01-299

Christopher de Souza Mon 8pm
Blk 6 Ghim Moh Road #01-180
1st Tue 8pm
Blk 2 Queen's Road #01-183

Liang Eng Hwa Mon 8pm
Blk 532 Jelapang Road #01-33

HONG KAH
GRC

Ang Mong Seng Mon 8pm
Blk 535 Bukit Batok St 52 #01-631

Amy Khor Lean Suan 1st, 3rd & 5th Mon 8pm
Blk 315 Bukit Batok Street 32 #01-111
Other Mon 8pm
Blk 749 Jurong West Street 73 #01-135

Yeo Cheow Tong Mon 8pm
Blk 608 Choa Chu Kang St 62 #01-103

Alvin Yeo Khirn Hai Mon 8pm except public holiday
Blk 953 Jurong West Street 91 #01-603

Zaqy Mohamad Mon 8pm to 10pm
Blk 353 Choa Chu Kang Central #01-313

HOUgang

MPs Meet the People Session

Low Thia Kiang Mon 8pm to 9.30pm except public holiday
216-G Syed Alwi Road #02-03

JALAN BESAR GRC

Yaacob Ibrahim Mon 7pm to 9pm except public holiday
Blk 64 Kallang Bahru#01-373
Last Wed except public holiday
Blk 52 Sims Place #01-138

Heng Chee How Mon 7.30pm to 11pm
Blk 85 Whampoa Drive #01-248

Lee Boon Yang Wed 8pm to 10.30pm except public holiday
Blk 806 King George's Ave #03-222

Lily Neo 1st, 3rd & 5th Mon 8pm
Blk 79 Indus Road #01-465
Other Mon 8pm
Blk 4 Sago Lane #03-115

Denise Phua Lay Peng Wed 8pm except public holiday, eve
Blk 462 Crawford Lane #03-33

JOO CHIAT

Chan Soo Sen Mon 8pm
15 Lor K Telok Kurau

JURONG GRC

Halimah Yacob Mon 7.30pm
Blk 241 Bukit Batok East Ave 5 #01-261

Lim Boon Heng Mon 7.30pm to 10.30pm
Blk 490 Jurong West Avenue 1 #01-01

Tharman Shanmugaratnam Mon 7.30pm
Blk 184 Yung Sheng Road #01-79

Grace Fu Hai Yien Mon 7.30pm
Blk 247 Jurong East Street 24 #01-02

MACPHERSON

Matthias Yao Chih 1st & 2nd Mon 8pm
Blk 108 Aljunied Crescent #01-36
Other Mon 8pm
Blk 53 Pipit Road #01-128

MARINE PARADE GRC

MPs Meet the People Session

Goh Chok Tong	Wed 7pm Blk 46 Marine Crescent #01-42
Ong Seh Hong	Tue 8pm Blk 11 Eunoo Crescent #01-2737
Lim Biow Chuan	Tue 8pm Blk 51 Old Airport Road #02-01
Faishal Ibrahim	Tue 7pm except 5th Tue, public holiday Blk 545 Bedok North St 3 #01-1378
Fatimah Lateef	1st Tue Blk 31 Balam Road #01-103 Last Tue Blk 15 Joo Seng Road #01-95 Other Tue Blk 9 Haig Road #01-407
Seah Kian Peng	Mon 7.30pm to 9.30pm Blk 246 Serangoon Ave 3 #01-216

NEE
SOON
CENTRAL

Ong Ah Heng	Mon 8pm Blk 609 Yishun Street 61 #01-235
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NEE
SOON
EAST

Ho Peng Kee	Mon 7.30pm Blk 227 Yishun Street 21 #01-520
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PASIR-RIS PUNGGOL GRC

Ahmad Mohd Magad	Mon 8pm to 10pm except 5th Mon, public holiday, eve Blk 426 Pasir Ris Dr 6 #01-73
Charles Chong	Fri 8pm to 10pm except 5th Fri, public holiday, eve Blk 231 Compassvale Walk #01-436
Penny Low	1st, 2nd & 4th Mon 8pm except public holiday, eve Blk 171C Edgedale Plains #01-438
Teo Chee Hean	Fri 8pm to 10pm except 5th Fri, public holiday, eve Blk 738 Pasir Ris Drive 10 #01-21
Michael Palmer	Mon 8pm to 10pm except 5th Mon, public holiday Blk 124A Rivervale Drive #01-193
Teo Ser Luck	1st Mon 8pm to 10pm except public holiday or eve Blk 277B Compassvale Link #01-264 2nd & 4th Mon 8pm to 10pm except public holiday or eve Blk 535 Hougang St 52 #01-18

POTONG
PASIR

MPs Meet the People Session

Chiam See Tong
1st Wed 7.30pm to 10pm
Void deck of Blk 213 Toa Payoh Lorong 8
Thu 7.30pm to 10.30pm
Void deck of Blk 108 Potong Pasir Avenue 1

SEMBAWANG GRC

Hawazi Daipi
Tue 7.00pm to 10.30pm
Blk 30 Marsiling Drive #01-301

Khaw Boon Wan
Mon 7.30pm to 9.30pm except public holiday
Blk 789 Woodlands Ave 6 #01-633

Mohamad Maliki Osman
Tue 8pm
Blk 557 Woodlands Drive 53 #01-63

K Shanmugam
1st, 2nd & 3rd Mon 7.30pm except public holiday
Blk 107 Yishun Ring Road #01-207
Other Mon 7.30pm except public holiday
Blk 315 Sembawang Vista #01-173

Ellen Lee Geck Hoon
Wed 7.30pm except public holiday
Blk 852 Woodlands St 83 #01-102

Lim Wee Kiak
1st Mon 7.30pm to 9.30pm except public holiday
Blk 277 Yishun Street 22 #01-294
Other Mon 7.30pm to 9.30pm except public holiday
Blk 319 Sembawang Close #01-14

TAMPINES GRC

Mah Bow Tan
Mon 7.30pm to 10pm except 5th Mon, public holiday
Blk 209 Tampines Street 21 #01-1347

Irene Ng Phek Hoong
Mon 8pm to 10pm except 5th Mon
Blk 114 Tampines Street 11 #01-167

Ong Kian Min
Mon 8pm except 5th Mon
Blk 443 Tampines Street 43 #01-51

Sin Boon Ann
Mon 7.30pm except 5th Mon
Blk 856 Tampines Street 82 #01-279

Masagos Zulkifli
Mon 8pm to 10pm except 5th Mon, public holiday
Blk 140 Tampines Street 12 #01-426

TANJONG PAGAR GRC

MPs Meet the People Session

Indranee Rajah	Fri 8pm Blk 124A Bukit Merah View #01-406
Koo Tsai Kee	Wed 7.30pm Blk 136 Jalan Bukit Merah #01-1360
Lee Kuan Yew	Mon 8pm Blk 5 Tanjong Pagar Plaza #03-01
Baey Yam Keng	1st, 3rd & 5th Fri 7.30pm Blk 46-2 Commonwealth Drive #01-380/382 Other Fri 7.30pm Blk 3 Jalan Bukit Merah #01-5118
Lui Tuck Yew	Mon 8pm Blk 10 Gloucester Road #01-53
Sam Tan Chin Siong	1st, 3rd & 5th Fri 7.30pm Blk 21 Telok Blangah Crescent #01-52 Other Fri 7.30pm Blk 70A Redhill Close #07-01

WEST COAST GRC

Arthur Fong	Mon 8pm Blk 334 Clementi Ave 2 #01-66
Cedric Foo Chee Keng	Mon 7.30pm Blk 665A Jurong West Street 64 #01-160
Ho Geok Choo	1st Mon 7.30pm Blk 528 Jurong West St 52 #01-359 Other Mon 7.30pm Blk 207 Boon Lay Place #01-215
S Iswaran	Mon 7.30pm Blk 729 Clementi West Street #01-346
Lim Hng Kiang	1st & 3rd Wed 8pm Blk 2 Dover Road Blk #01-346 Other Wed 8pm Blk 78A Telok Blangah Street 32 #03-01

YIO
CHU
KANG

Seng Han Thong	Thu 8pm Blk 644 Ang Mo Kio Ave 4 #01-850
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