

# The Bingo Activity

Looking for another activity to use during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (or anytime really) to engage your community? How about a thought and conversation provoking game of Bingo! Normally Bingo cards are filled with numbers and it is a game of chance that happens in one sitting. However, we've mixed things up a bit by filling each with ways in which participants *can be the solution* to sexual violence.

## Instructions:

- When you do something to *be the solution* during the game period mark down the date in the corresponding Bingo square.
- The *Be the Solution* square in the middle is traditionally considered a free space.
- While some actions may just happen, you may need to be strategic about how *you are being the solution* in order to achieve a Bingo.
- A Bingo is achieved by completing activities that fit a pattern – you can keep it simple or make it challenging!
- A simple Bingo would consist of 5 completed squares in a horizontal line, vertical line, or diagonal line. A more challenging Bingo could require completed squares in the shape of an X, the entire border (16 squares), the interior (8 squares – 9 with the free space).

## Considerations:

- This activity can last for a few days, a week, or the entire month of April – it's up to you!
  - Pick a time frame that works for the group you are engaging in SAAM.
- If you are planning to do presentations in your community during the month, this would be a fun activity to do either before or after, depending on the group's understanding of what it means to *be the solution* already.
- Often a Bingo winner is given a prize. Offering a prize or prizes may increase participant's interest in the activity and encourage them to take on the more ways one can *be the solution*.
  - Check in with businesses in your community to see if they would donate a small item or gift certificate to help promote involvement in SAAM!
- Feel like the Bingo square phrases may not resonate with your group? You can download the electronic copy of the Bingo cards from [www.wasaam.org](http://www.wasaam.org) and create your own squares! Working with a group that is excited about SAAM? Ask them to submit their ideas of how to *be the solution* and fill in the cards!

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Have open and honest conversations	Learn about root causes of sexual violence	Support a survivor	Get active consent from my partner	Create safe space for someone to say “no”
Listen and believe	Read a feminist article, blog, or book	Ask others about their boundaries	Educate my friends and family	Show compassion
NOT laugh at sexist jokes	Educate myself about sexual violence		Treat my partner with respect	Respect everyone’s choice of gender expression
Work in my community to end sexual violence	Give active consent when I want to	NOT ignore the problem	Wear a <i>Be The Solution</i> button	Volunteer
Say something when I hear disrespectful language	Be a role model for my peers	Express myself without shutting someone else down	NOT laugh at jokes that put others down	Participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Learn about root causes of sexual violence	Respect everyone’s choice of gender expression		Participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month	Be a role model for my peers
Express myself without shutting someone else down	Work in my community to end sexual violence	Support a survivor	NOT laugh at jokes that put others down	Ask others about their boundaries
Educate myself about sexual violence	Listen and believe	NOT ignore the problem	Treat my partner with respect	NOT laugh at sexist jokes

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Volunteer	Ask others about their boundaries	NOT laugh at sexist jokes	Wear a <i>Be The Solution</i> button	Support a survivor
Give active consent when I want to	Treat my partner with respect	Listen and believe	Create safe space for someone to say “no”	Learn about root causes of sexual violence
Get active consent from my partner	NOT laugh at jokes that put others down		Read a feminist article, blog, or book	NOT ignore the problem
Educate my friends and family	Say something when I hear disrespectful language	Have open and honest conversations	Participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month	Educate myself about sexual violence
Be a role model for my peers	Express myself without shutting someone else down	Work in my community to end sexual violence	Respect everyone’s choice of gender expression	Show compassion

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Wear a <i>Be The Solution</i> button	Get active consent from my partner	Show compassion	Work in my community to end sexual violence	Create safe space for someone to say “no”
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