



# Running Interference Against Perceived Consent Violations

*A guide for Rangers*

**11<sup>th</sup> Principle focuses primarily on prevention through consent education and advocacy, but we know that our community needs a plan in place for violations if and when they occur. These violations are not only sexual: a violation of consent may take many forms, including but not limited to non-consensual photography, gifting, peer pressure, and non-sexual touch.**

**We know that our Rangers are likely to be the primary response team for these incidents. We've created this guide in an effort to supplement training on this topic.**

Do:	Don't:
Ask questions first. "Is this person bothering you?" is a great way to check in with someone if you feel their consent is being violated. Additionally, "That person just took your picture, is that okay?" is a good way to alert folks about photography they may not have consented to.	Start with flippant accusations if you're not 100% sure. Something that may be perceived as nonconsensual might be part of a pre-arranged agreement.
Listen to the victim. If a person <i>feels</i> violated, acknowledge that experience. Encourage them to first express this to the person who made them feel that way (if they feel safe doing so), then take further measures if it doesn't stop there.	Victim-blame. This is Consent 101. "They were drunk" is not an excuse. Additionally, "I would be fine with that, I don't see the problem" minimizes the experience and reduces our community's trust in our response teams.
Speak up when you see a clear violation in progress. If someone is repeatedly telling someone "no," step in immediately!	Assume it's "someone else's business." Transformus is a communal effort... we are all responsible for keeping the event safe for one another.
Advocate for the impaired. If you see someone that's clearly not in control of their faculties, offer a walk back to their tent, help finding friends, etc.	Be offended if someone refuses this help. Respect their refusal. This is especially for the men... when impaired, a lot of women see a man wanting to help as a potential assailant, whether or not they're wearing a Rangers shirt. If a woman refuses your help, ask a female friend to offer instead.
Keep an eye on folks you think might be trouble. Don't immediately fly into accusations over a perception, but commit to keeping an eye on someone that is behaving in a strange or creepy manner.	Assume that assaults are always man-on-woman. Men assault one another, women assault men, and women assault women as well. Keep an eye out for all violations of consent, regardless of gender.
Utilize our other resources (Sanctuary, EMS, and the BOD) for more intense issues. Report all violations to Khaki or a Lead. The 11 <sup>th</sup> Principle lead and co-lead are available for guidance on best response practices.	Speak to those not involved in the response. Privacy is immensely important when dealing with these kinds of incidents.

*The 11<sup>th</sup> Principle exists to promote consensual interaction in the burn world and beyond. We seek to prevent non-consensual encounters through education, advocacy, and demonstration. Contact us at [11thPrinciple@transformus.com](mailto:11thPrinciple@transformus.com) for additional information or guidance.*