

Unconscious on Sofa – scripted role play 4

Two people, each to read a part. A = abuser B = bystander. First, read the description of the situation.

A group of 8 male students have been out drinking. They return to their shared house with friends and continue drinking. One of the men passes out unconscious, lying face down on the sofa. One of the party encourages the group to pull down his trousers and underwear. A marker pen is produced, and a face is drawn on the man's buttocks. A straw is fetched, to be inserted into the unconscious man's anus and it is suggested that photos/video be taken.

- A: I love it! This is what his Facebook page has been calling out for. Are you getting this? Let's get him to smile for the camera.
- B: [moves over to the unconscious lad, takes away the straw, covers him up] This is getting weird now. It's beyond a joke. This could be really serious, it could be a serious offence and we could get into really deep shit for it with the police and we might get kicked out of Uni. It's just not cool, let's just leave it now.
- A: Let's get some footage first.
- B. What part of 'no' don't understand? If you don't put your phone down I'm going to take it off you. I'm taking him upstairs, who is gonna help me?

Discussion points:

If you want to, have a go at thinking about other ways of managing the situation or other things the bystander could say at this point. What kind of interventions could happen 'after the event'?