

Cura Collective & Coalition Partners Press Conference on Closing the Voluntary Intoxication Loophole for Survivors in NY

Cura Collective Coalition partners press conference to highlight current NY law where a victim of rape who became intoxicated willingly is not considered rape.

The logo for Cura Collective, featuring the words "Cura Collective" in a serif font. The letter "o" in "Collective" is replaced by a female symbol (♀).

Cura Collective Logo

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New York statute requires that a victim of rape not have become intoxicated out of their own volition otherwise a rapist gets a pass.

As Sexual Violence Awareness month comes to an end, the Cura Collective and its Coalition partners will be holding a press conference this Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. EST at Foley Square, New York City to highlight that under the current law in New York, rape of a person who became intoxicated willingly is not considered rape.

Unfortunately, New York statute requires that mental incapacitation results from a person being under the influence without their agreement. This creates what is today called the Voluntary Intoxication Loophole i.e. if the victim has themselves voluntarily become intoxicated, the rape statute does not apply. This prevents many victims from having their case investigated much less tried and thereby achieving some semblance of justice.

Together, this loophole can be closed by passing new legislation. In New York, there are two bills to close this loophole, one in the State Assembly and one in the State Senate. To pass, this bill must leave committee in both chambers, and then be voted on the floor of both the Assembly and the Senate. Only upon ratification by both chambers can the bill then move to Governor

Hochul's for New York to finally catch up with other states like Arkansas and North Carolina who have already closed this loophole.

Those present will include: Lizzie Asher (President & Co-founder, Cura Collective), Stefan Turkheimer (VP of public policy, RAINN), Rachelle Di Stasio (Miss NY USA), Assemblyman Dinowitz, Assemblyman Hesevi, Former U.S. Congresswoman Maloney, Cura Collective, Community for a Cause, New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault, Safe Horizon, Sign 4 ERA, Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation, Violence Intervention Program, Sexual Harassment Working Group, Joyful Heart Foundation, National Women's Defense League, NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault, Crime Victims Treatment Center of NY.

WHAT: A press conference on New York's Voluntary Incapacitation Loophole

WHEN: Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. ET

WHERE: Foley Square (In front of NYS Supreme Court), 60 Centre St, New York, NY 10013

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