Provide a Distraction

As an active bystander, what are some ways you might step in to help in a situation where sexual violence could possibly occur? Sometimes a little distraction can do the trick…

➤ Spill a drink
➤ Turn off the music
➤ Yell something loudly like “Are the cops here?”
➤ Tug on your friend’s arm
➤ Tell the potential perpetrator “Your car is being towed!”
➤ Pull your friend away, saying desperately, “I need to talk to you NOW!”
➤ Do a silly attention-grabbing dance
➤ Interrupt the conversation between the potential victim and perpetrator
➤ Ask where the bathroom is
➤ Separate the two by saying, “Can you show me where the drinks are?”
➤ Call your friend’s cell multiple times