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I was sexually harassed and assaulted by a work colleague 22 yrs older than me over a several month period. Upon reporting his abuse many times to management my manager responded by:

- Telling me it must be what I was wearing
- Telling me I need to put a garbage bag over my head I am too pretty
- Telling me I may have been too friendly
- My requests to move my seat from away from him was overlooked
- Once I had made HR aware of the abuse they bullied and victim blamed me further - resulting in 2 trips to the fair work commission to stop the bullying, and workers comp throwing out their review of my claim as all the evidence pointed to the truth.

This has caused me to have long term side effects and be diagnosed with depression and PTSD as a result and has affected my ability for full time employment in the future. The fact that the abuser still works their today means I will not be able to return to my place of work and have a high level of stress currently waiting to be placed with a host organisation.