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Every night, as most of us head home, janitors across America, many of them women, begin their night shift. They are often alone or isolated in empty buildings—and vulnerable to sexual violence.

Following up on the award-winning collaboration that produced *Rape in the Fields/Violación de un Sueño* in 2013, *Rape on the Night Shift* uncovers the sexual abuse of immigrant women, often undocumented, who clean the malls where you shop, the banks where you do business and the offices where you work.

With firsthand accounts from female janitorial workers who say they have been sexually abused by their coworkers and supervisors, the collaborative investigation tells the stories of the steep price many women in the janitorial industry pay to keep their jobs and provide for their families.

Many of the women have been terrified to report their alleged attackers—some for fear of being deported; others for fear they'll lose their jobs—so these cases are often difficult to prosecute.

From San Francisco's Ferry Building, to the malls of Minnesota, to big box stores across the United States, the investigative team—with correspondent Lowell Bergman, producers Andrés Cediél and Daffodil Altan, and reporters Bernice Yeung and Sasha Khokha—found violations across the janitorial industry involving companies large and small.

Drawing on interviews with the women themselves, an attorney for the federal agency that enforces sexual harassment laws in the workplace, and a watchdog group that monitors workplace conditions for janitors, the investigation sheds new light on an underreported problem—and reveals how employers have fallen short in dealing with it.

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