



Teen Dating Violence

HOW SERIOUS IS THE ISSUE OF DATING VIOLENCE AMONG TEENS?



I HAVE THE RIGHT TO:
Trust my self above all others. Decent treatment by anyone I date. Be assertive on a date. Be safe on a date. Refuse to have sex. Disagree with my date. Say NO. Know who I am. Know who I am dating. Emotional support and understanding. Control my own destiny. Be loved. Be cared about. High self-esteem. Trust my self above all others.

Is Danger Ahead In Your Relationship?

- ◆ Are you afraid of your boyfriend or girlfriend's temper?
- ◆ Are you afraid to disagree with your partner?
- ◆ Do you find yourself apologizing for your partner's behavior when you are the one who was treated badly?
- ◆ Have you been frightened by his or her violence towards others?
- ◆ Have you been hit, kicked, shoved, or had things thrown at you?
- ◆ Do you neglect friends or family because of your partner's jealousy?
- ◆ Have you been forced to have sex?
- ◆ Do you have to justify everything you do, every place you go, and every person you see to avoid his or her temper?
- ◆ Does your partner try to control you by being bossy, giving orders, and making all the decisions?

- 1 in 3 teenagers in a serious relationship reported that they've been concerned about being hurt physically by a boyfriend or girlfriend. One out of five of these teens say they have actually been hit, slapped, or pushed by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- More than one-fourth of teens (27%) who have been in a relationship said they've had a partner call them names or put them down.
- Nearly 80% of females reported experiencing at least one incident of physical or sexual aggression by the end of college.
- 49% of males (high school to 4th year in college) report using at least one incident of physical or sexual violence against an intimate partner.
- 80% of teens view verbal abuse as a serious issue for their age group.

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- An alarming one in ten (10%) of teenagers claim they have been threatened physically via email, IM, text, chat, etc.
- One in three teens who have been in a relationship (30%) say they've been text messaged 10, 20, or 30 times an hour by a partner finding out where they are, what they're doing, or who they're with.
- Nearly one in five teens in a relationship (19%) say that their partner has used a cell phone or the internet to spread rumors about them.
- Nearly one in five (18%) say their partner used a networking site to harass or put them down.

