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Teen Dating Violence



Dating violence is a serious problem in the United States. It is a pattern of assaultive and controlling behaviors that one person uses against another in order to gain or maintain power in the relationship. The abuser intentionally behaves in ways that cause fear, degradation and humiliation to control the other person. Forms of abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and psychological.

32% of Students report dating violence by a previous partner and 21% report violence by a current partner.

12% of completed rapes, 35% of attempted rapes, and 22% of threatened rapes occur on a date.

Estimated 5% of college women experience a completed or attempted rape in a given year.

51% of college males admit perpetrating on or more sexual assault incidents during college.

50% of dating violence victims reports the violence to someone else of these, 88% report the violence to a friend and 20% criminal justice authorities.

Parents

Talk to your teens about dating violence and what a healthy relationship is. Lead by example and give respect in your own relationships. Stay aware of how technology is used for control or exploitation (sexting, texting, etc). Teens who are victims may do poorly in school, turn to alcohol or substance abuse. They may become depressed or consider suicide. If you are concerned for your teen, intervene.

Students

Ask yourself - does your partner:

Encourage you to grow independently in your relationship?

Accept 'no' without question or pressure?

Support your self-expression, verbally and physically, including your attire?

Take your feelings seriously?

Blame you for their behavior?

Do things that make you fear them?

Abuse is not love.

Remember, healthy relationships are giving, respectful, understanding and accepting. They are also safe and make you feel good about yourself.

Ask your school administrators what they are doing to proactively prevent and educate students about dating violence.

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