

# Tips to help identify signs of teen dating violence

Teen dating violence is what happens in a teen dating relationship when one person uses abuse to gain power and keep control over his or her partner. This abuse can be physical, emotional or sexual.

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. It makes no difference what sex, race or ethnic background a person is.

Anyone can be a victim.

Anyone can be an abuser.

Dating violence is a consistent pattern of verbal (or emotional) abuse, physical abuse or sexual abuse. Emotional abuse can be as serious as physical abuse.

Does your partner call you names? Humiliate you? Isolate you

from your friends? Make all the decisions? Threaten you? Make you afraid?

Don't keep any abuse secret.

The more people who know, the safer you are.

Get help by informing family, friends or by contacting a domestic violence program. You are not alone. Help your friends who may be victims.

They need you as a friend now more than ever.

Do not accept any abuse from anyone or to anyone. Judges know the problems of dating violence. If you have to get an order of protection to be safe, do it.

Kicking, hitting and punching are types of physical abuse — and once

is too many times.

A relationship should never be about one person telling the other person what to think, do or how to act.

Murder is the ultimate horror of dating violence and the cause of 24 percent — or nearly one quarter — of teen homicides.

In many cases, victims are afraid to leave abusers because they are afraid of being hit harder.

Leave and be a survivor rather than a statistic.

Orders of protection tell the abusers what they can and cannot do. Physical abuse doesn't always leave bruises, but always leaves scars.

Qualified counselors are available to help teen dating violence victims 24 hours a day.

Call any time for support.

Sexual abuse can be anything from ruining your reputation, to touching you improperly, to rape. The abuser wants you to think that no one will believe you and that no one cares about you.

The abuser is wrong.

People believe because people care. Abuse should not be a secret. Understand that you are not alone: friends, family, teachers, police, judges are all there to help — but only you can begin to make that change.

Teen dating violence hurts every-

one, so help stop the hurt.

Each year, about 25 percent of all teens are dating violence victims.

Zero tolerance is the only acceptable level of teen dating violence.

If you or someone you know is being abused, one agency to call for assistance is My Sister's Place at 541-574-9424, 541-994-5959 or 1-800-841-8325.

Also report suspected abuse to the police.

Don't let the abuse continue.

For more information and tips, visit [www.lincolncounty.sheriff.net](http://www.lincolncounty.sheriff.net).

—Submitted by Kathy Manning, Lincoln County Police Administrative Assistant.

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