



FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

FACTS

1 in 3 adolescent girls is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner.
http://www.endabuse.org/userfiles/file/Teens/teens_facts.pdf

1 in 5 tweens (11-14) say their friends are victims of dating violence.
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1 in 5 teen girls have electronically sent or posted nude or semi-nude photos or videos of themselves.
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Women 16-24 experience the highest per capita rates of intimate violence- nearly 20 per 1000 women.
<http://www.transitionsfvs.org/dvdocs/Fact%20Sheets/FVPF%20Teen%20stats.pdf>
Someone you care about may be waiting for you to SPEAK UP!

WARNING SIGNS

- Extreme jealousy
- Constant insults or ridicule
- Telling you what you can and can't do
- Financial control
- Possessiveness or controlling behavior
- Making false accusations
- Keeping you from seeing or talking with family and friends
- Texting or calling constantly to find out where you are and who is with you
- Threatening to leave if you deny sex
- Refusing to use a condom



DATING RIGHTS:

- To be treated with respect
- To my own body, thoughts, opinions and property
- To choose and keep my friends
- To change my mind-at any time
- To not be abused
- To leave a relationship
- To say no
- To be treated as an equal
- To disagree
- To live without fear from my boy/girlfriend's anger

DATING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To not threaten to harm myself or another
- To encourage my boy/girlfriend to pursue their dreams
- To support my girl/boyfriend emotionally
- To communicate, not manipulate
- To not humiliate or demean my boy/girlfriend
- To refuse to abuse- physically, emotionally or sexually
- To take care of myself
- To allow my boy/girlfriend to maintain their individuality
- To respect myself and my girl/boyfriend
- To be honest with each other

Check out these resources!

Are you being abused?

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/is-this-abuse/are-you-being-abused/>

For more information:

<http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/web/guest>
<http://www.cdc.gov/chooserrespect/>
<http://www.glnh.org/talkline>