

Dating Violence Facts in America



Teen dating violence occurs when one person in a relationship uses physical, emotional or sexual abuse to gain power and keep control over the other person. What do we know about teen dating violence?

- 🎀 Thirty percent of teens reported worrying about their personal physical safety in a relationship (*Liz Claiborne Inc. Teen Relationship Abuse Survey, 2006*).
- 🎀 One in five female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner (*Journal of the American Medical Association, 2004*).
- 🎀 Forty-seven percent of teenagers who have been in a relationship have done something that compromised their own values in order to please their partner (*Liz Claiborne Inc. Teen Relationship Abuse Survey, 2006*).
- 🎀 Three out of five teens said that they have had a boyfriend or girlfriend who made them feel bad or embarrassed about themselves (*Liz Claiborne Inc. Teen Relationship Abuse Survey, 2006*).
- 🎀 One in three teens report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, slapped, choked, or physically hurt by his or her partner (*Teenage Research Unlimited, 2005*).
- 🎀 Abused girls are four to six times more likely to get pregnant, and eight to nine times more likely to have tried to commit suicide (*Journal of the American Medical Association, 2004*).
- 🎀 In a study of gay/lesbian/bisexual adolescents, youth involved in same-sex dating are just as likely to experience dating violence as youth involved in opposite sex dating (*Journal of Adolescent Health, 2004*).
- 🎀 Teen dating violence runs across race, gender, and socioeconomic lines; both males and females are victims (*National Center for Victims of Crime, 2004*).

See the Signs.  the Abuse.