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Serving Victims of Teen Dating Violence

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What exactly is teen dating violence and how is it different from adult dating violence? What acts might be included?



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Is strangulation common with teen dating violence?



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How widespread is teen dating violence in the United States? Is there an increase in cases, and if so, why?



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What are the signs or red flags for teen dating violence?



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Are there common patterns to help teens recognize they are in an abusive relationship?

How can we help them understand the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships?



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What recommendations do you have for connecting effectively with a teenager experiencing intimate partner violence?



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With the age gap, what is the best way to communicate with a teen without sounding like their parents?

How can we help parents help teens involved in dating violence?



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When a teen discloses and you have a duty to report, how do you explain things to them in a way that doesn't make them feel betrayed and lets them know that you're trying to help them?



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What is the impact of teen dating violence, and how would you provide emotional support to the victim?



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Do you have any advice for teens if they have friends being abused or abusing others?



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How can we discuss teen dating violence without instilling shame or blame on the victim?

How can we work with families who may have feelings of blame toward the victim (e.g., “Are you sure the assault happened?” or “How could you let it happen?”)?



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Since today's children/teens are starting to “date” at an earlier age, what is an appropriate age to start talking to them about these type of issues? Middle school? Elementary school?



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Do you feel adding teen dating abuse curriculum to sex education would be beneficial?



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Is teen dating violence different on high school versus college campuses?



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For colleges, how might Title IX reporting requirements both help and harm individuals involved in teen dating violence?



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At what age is a police report required?



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Are there ways to report if the teen is hesitant to contact police?



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How do electronics and social media use affect teen dating violence?

What are some ways to help victims whose electronic and social media activity are heavily monitored and controlled by abusers?



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How will the “#MeToo” movement affect teen dating violence?



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Resources

- National Teen Dating Violence Helpline: **866–331–9474**
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: **800–799–SAFE**
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center: **877–739–3895**
- www.nsvrc.org
- www.datingabusestopshere.com
- www.loveisnotabuse.com
- <https://vawnet.org/sc/preventing-and-responding-teen-dating-violence>
- letsbereal@breakthecycle.org



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Date:

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Hazel Heckers



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