

# Is your partner hurting you?

Local 24 Hour Helpline

[\(352\) 686-8430](tel:3526868430)

National Helpline

[1-800-799-7233](tel:18007997233)



"We are an equal opportunity services provider and we do not discriminate. All victim services are free of charge."

## What is Teen Dating Violence?

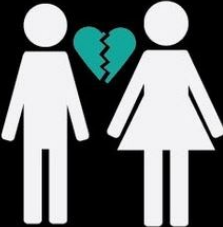
- **Physical**— Victim is pinched, hit, shoved, slapped, punched, or kicked. Damaging property like computers and cell phones.
- **Psychological/Emotional**—Threatening a partner or harming his or her sense of self-worth for example name calling, shaming, bullying, embarrassing on purpose, or keeping him/her away from friends and family.
- **Sexual**— Forcing a partner to engage in a sex act when he or she does not or cannot consent. This can be physical or nonphysical, like threatening to spread rumors if a partner refuses to have sex.
- **Stalking**—A pattern of harassing or threatening acts in person, on social media, or through a 3rd party.

## Important Statistics!

1 IN 3 TEENS  
HAVE  
EXPERIENCED  
DATING VIOLENCE

ONLY  
67%  
of adolescents who were  
abused in a relationship  
tell someone

80%  
of girls who have  
been abused keep  
dating their  
**abuser.**



1 in 4  
teens who have been  
in a serious relationship  
say that they have been  
pressured to only spend  
time with their partner.

## Effects of Dating Violence?

Victims of Teen Dating Violence can suffer from:

- Depression and suicidal thoughts
  - Substance abuse
  - Isolation from friends
  - Physical trauma
- Self harm and eating disorders
  - Sleep disorders
- Drop in grades or work performance
- Sexually transmitted infections (STI's)
  - And many more

## Support for Survivors!

We provide the following free services to teens!

- 24 hour helpline [\(352\) 686-8430](tel:3526868430)
- Services for the survivor and their family or loved ones
- Information and referral for local resources
- Crisis intervention/ counseling age 6 and up
- Advocacy (including legal and criminal justice advocacy) and accompaniment

For help contact the 24 hour helpline, see the school guidance counselor, SRO or check out our website [www.dawncenter.org](http://www.dawncenter.org) and social media pages



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