

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

"a pattern of behavior that includes physical, emotional, verbal or sexual abuse used by one person in an intimate partner relationship to exert power and control over another person."

Signs of Abuse



- Extreme jealousy
- Insulting, demeaning, shaming language
- Pressuring someone to use drugs or alcohol
- Intimidating someone with threats or weapons
- Preventing interactions with others
- Pressuring sex or sexual acts
- Insulting family members



Prevention

- Promote healthy relationships
- Practice empathy towards others
- Create a space where everyone feels safe and comfortable
- Speak out when you hear harmful language
- Practice consent
- Challenge gender role stereotypes

20%

of Wisconsin teens have experienced some form of violence in their dating relationship

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin

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of teens never tell an adult about their abuse, but are more likely to tell their friends



Supporting a Friend



"I'm here for you."

"I believe you."

"Let's think of ways to be safe in the future."

"Let's think of some resources."

"It's not your fault."

"How can I support you?"

When you see or hear harm being done...

Challenge harmful things you may hear or see.

Set a positive example by having healthy relationships in your life.

Offer resources to friends who need further help

Need more help? Here are some resources:

End Abuse Wisconsin

Dare2Know

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

LoveIsRespect



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