

10 Teen Dating Abuse Facts



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Physical and sexual abuse is the most often talked about piece of dating abuse.

- 1 in 5 teens that have been in a serious relationship report being hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner.
- 1 in 3 teens report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner.
- 1 in 4 teenage girls who have been in relationships reveal they have been pressured to perform oral sex or engage in intercourse.



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But dating abuse doesn't have to be physical. It can include verbal or emotional abuse or controlling behavior

- More than 1 in 4 teenage girls in a relationship report enduring repeated verbal abuse.
- One-third or more of teens in relationships have been with a partner who frequently asked where they were and whom they were with.
- 1 in 4 teens in serious relationships have been prevented from spending time with friends and family or pressured to only spend time with their partner.
- Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls in a relationship said a boyfriend threatened violence or self-harm when presented with a break-up.



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- 1 in 3 teens (30%) say they are text messaged 10, 20, or 30 times an hour by a partner inquiring where they are, what they're doing, or who they're with.
- 68% of teens say boyfriends/girlfriends sharing private or embarrassing pictures/videos on cell phones and computers is a serious problem.
- 71% of teens regard boyfriends/girlfriends spreading rumors about them on cell phones and social networking sites as a serious problem.



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