



National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

28 Days of Status Updates

Each day in February you can help raise awareness about teen dating abuse. Just use one of the suggested messages below as your social networking site status update, whether you use Facebook, Twitter or Instant Messenger (IM).

February 1, 2010

1 in 5 teen who have been in a serious relationship report being hit, slapped or pushed by a partner

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU) Liz Claiborne Inc., March 2006

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/is-this-abuse/dating-abuse-fast-facts/>

February 2, 2010

1 in 3 girls who have been in a serious relationship say they've been concerned about being physically hurt by their partner.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU) Liz Claiborne Inc., March 2006

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February 3, 2010

1 in 4 teens who have been in a serious relationship say their boyfriend or girlfriend has tried to prevent them from spending time with friends or family; the same number have been pressured to only spend time with their partner

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU) Liz Claiborne Inc., March 2006

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February 4, 2010

Nearly 1 in 4 girls who have been in a relationship (23%) reported going further sexually than they wanted as a result of pressure

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., March 2006

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February 5, 2010

One in three teens (30 percent) 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.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., March 2006

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 6, 2010

Teens who have witnessed domestic violence and abuse between their parents experience abuse at a 50% higher rate than those who have not witnessed abuse.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., May 2009

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 7, 2010

68% of teens say boyfriends/girlfriends sharing private or embarrassing pictures/videos on cell phones and computers is a serious problem.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., March 2006

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 8, 2010

Abuse can cause injury and even death, but it doesn't have to be physical. It can include verbal and emotional abuse - constant insults, isolation from family and friends, name calling, controlling what someone wears-and it can also include sexual abuse.

Joyful Heart Foundation & Liz Claiborne's Tweens and Teen Dating Violence Survey 2008

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 9, 2010

67% of parents whose teens were checked up on 30 times per day on their cell phone were unaware this was happening.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., 2007

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February 10, 2010

82% of parents whose teens were emailed or texted 30 times per hour were unaware this was happening.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., 2007

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 11, 2010

One in four teens in a relationship (25%) say they have been called names, harassed, or put down by their partner through cell phones and texting.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., 2007

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 12, 2010

One in five teens in a relationship (22%) have been asked to engage in sex by cellphone or the Internet when they do not want to.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., 2007

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 13, 2010

69% of parents were unaware that their teen was pressured by their partner to perform oral sex.

Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)- Liz Claiborne Inc., 2007

<http://www.loveisrespect.org/resource-center/awareness-toolkit/>

February 14, 2010

The effects of dating violence are long-lasting. Teens who experience abuse in relationships act out exhibiting higher rates of drug abuse, school drop-out, high-risk sexual behavior, acts of violence and suicide.

www.breakthecycle.org

February 15, 2010

The overall occurrence of dating violence is higher among black (13.9%) than Hispanic (9.3%) or white (7.0%) students.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). *Surveillance Summaries*, May 21, 2004. MMWR 2004:53(No. SS-2).

February 16, 2010

Love should be fun and exciting – trust yourself, if things don't feel right call us or chat online- We'll help you recognize the red flags. It's anonymous, free and a chance to talk to someone who understands. 1-866-331-9474.

www.loveisrespect.org

February 17, 2010

Teen dating abuse most often takes place in the home of one of the partners.

Rennison CM, Welchans S. Intimate partner violence 1993-2001. Washington (DC): Department of Justice (US), Bureau of Justice Statistics [online]; 2003 [cited 2006 Mar 20]

February 18, 2010

Love is Freedom- It isn't about Possessing anyone.

www.loveisrespect.org

February 19, 2010

Love is Trusting- It isn't keeping tabs with obsessive calls and texting.

www.loveisrespect.org

February 20, 2010

Love is Accepting- It isn't telling someone what to do, what to wear, or how to act.

www.loveisrespect.org

February 21, 2010

Even though teen relationships may be different from adult relationships in many ways, teens do experience the same types of physical, sexual, verbal and emotional abuse that adults do.

www.thesafespace.org

February 22, 2010

In some states, teens may apply for restraining or protective orders and get domestic violence services without the help of a parent or guardian.

www.thesafespace.org

February 23, 2010

More than three times as many tweens (20%) as parents (6%) admit that parents know little or nothing about the tweens' dating relationships.

Liz Claiborne Inc. study on teen dating abuse conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, February 2008.

February 24, 2010

If trapped in an abusive relationship, 73% of teens said they would turn to a friend for help; but only 33% who have been in or known about an abusive relationship said they have told anyone about it.

Liz Claiborne Inc. study on teen dating abuse conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, February 2005.

February 25, 2010

Of the women between the ages 15-19 murdered each year, 30% are killed by their husband or boyfriend.

City of New York, Teen Relationship Abuse Fact Sheet, March 1998

February 26, 2010

Nearly two-thirds of parents who have not discussed the topic of dating violence with their child say they would do so if they had more information about how to discuss the issue with their children.

(Survey commissioned by the Empower Program, sponsored by Liz Claiborne Inc. and conducted by Knowledge Networks, Social Control, Verbal Abuse, and Violence Among Teenagers, December 2000)

February 27, 2010

3 in 10 young people have been involved in sexting.

www.athinline.org

February 28, 2010

Over 10 percent of young people have had a significant other demand their password.

www.athinline.org