

**One out of 5 teenage girls is
abused by her dating partner.
Many of these will be abused by
their husbands.**

Boys are not the only abusers... girls are just as likely to be abusers.

With sexual abuse, girls are overwhelmingly the victims.

**Every day four women are
murdered by their husband,
boyfriend, or ex-boyfriend after
repeated abuse.**

It is against the law.

Abusive behavior is a pattern of control and domination

Only the abuser is responsible for the violent behavior. The victim is never to blame.

TEEN DATING: VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

High School

The mission of Polk County Schools is to provide a high quality education for all students.

LEARNING ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How do we recognize or know dating violence and abuse when we see it?

How should we deal with dating violence and abuse?

WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP?

Communication (how you send and receive messages)

Respect and consideration for each other

Thoughtfulness

Be Honest with your actions and feelings

Dependability (trustworthy, reliable)

Willingness to work together to help the relationship
grow stronger

Ability to disagree

Source: Glencoe Health



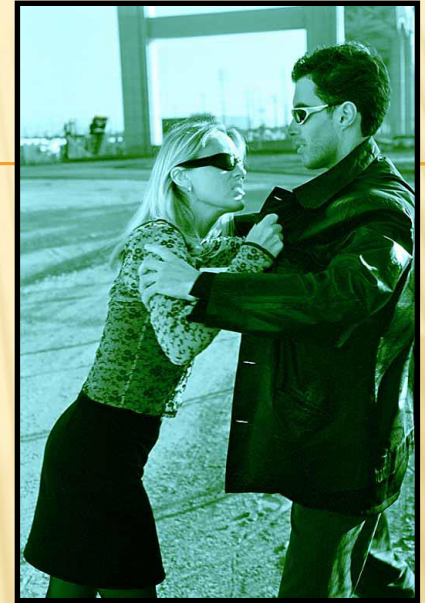
HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE DATING ABUSE?

Dating abuse  Relationship abuse

Definition

Dating violence is a pattern of emotional, verbal, sexual or physical abuse used by one person in a current or past intimate relationship to exert power and control over another when one or both of the partners is a student.

**ABUSE IS ALL ABOUT
POWER AND CONTROL**



**IT IS NOT LIMITED
TO PUNCHING OR HITTING!**



Yelling and screaming

Forced sex



“Phobic” aggression

Demanding money from

**IT ALL COUNTS AS
ABUSE!**

Making you feel guilty

Threats or intimidation

HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD RELATIONSHIP ABUSE OR VIOLENCE?

How common is dating abuse?

One out of four 8th and 9th graders reported having experienced some sort of dating violence

One in four female students in grades 9 through 12 reported being physically or sexually abused by someone they've dated

Source: CDC/Choose Respect

Teen violence frequently occurs in schools with 40% to 50% occurring in front of other teens.

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WARNING SIGNS

- Too serious – **too** fast
- **Controlling:** choosing your clothing, makes all decisions, tells you what to do
- They want more and more attention from you – *jealousy*, possessive
- Pressures you to spend less time with your friends or your family
- Shouting or pushing, **history of fighting** or losing temper easily
- **Pressures for sex**, or is forceful about sex
- **BLAMES** his/her behavior on you, others

HOW DOES ABUSE PROGRESS?

Too serious – Too fast

Controlling: Wanting to know where you are and what you are doing all of the time.

Jealousy/Possessive

Disrespecting a partner.

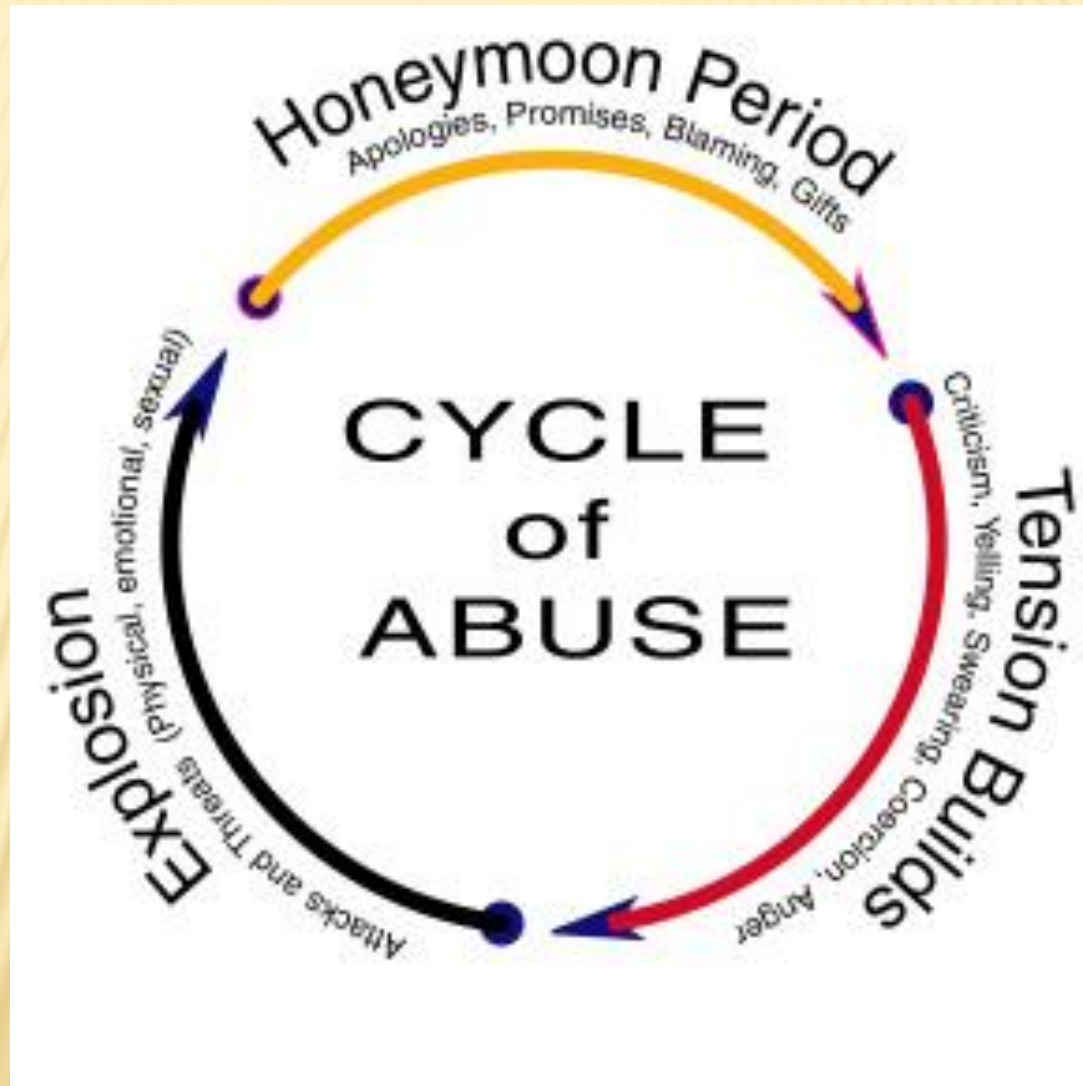
Put-downs in front of others.

Steals or insists on having passwords for social networks, phone, etc.

Won't accept breaking up.

Makes family and friends concerned for safety.

CYCLE OF ABUSE



DO YOU...



- ✘ Feel less confident about yourself?
- ✘ Worry about verbal or physical attacks?
- ✘ Make excuses for boyfriend/girlfriend's behavior?
- ✘ Hide the truth from others?
- ✘ Fear what will happen if you try to break up?



WHAT TO DO?!



VICTIM...

HOW TO STOP DATING VIOLENCE -

- ✘ Take it seriously!
- ✘ **Tell your parent or guardian** or another trusted adult (counselor, administrator).
- ✘ Make a plan for safety / breaking up
- ✘ Leave the situation
- ✘ Document abuse/ get medical care
- ✘ Use the legal system
- ✘ Call a hotline.

DON'T HESITATE TO ACT!



WHY DOESN'T THE
VICTIM JUST BREAK
UP??



Can you write down the names and numbers of 4 people who you could call to come and get you – anytime, anywhere?

ABUSER...

HOW TO STOP DATING VIOLENCE -



- ✘ Admit your behavior is wrong – no excuses.
- ✘ Focus on how your abuse affects your partner.
- ✘ Accept consequences of your actions (breaking-up, legal, restraining order).
- ✘ Get help and support! You can't do it alone!



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SIGNS YOU MIGHT SEE...



Has a friend

Lost interest in social activities/sports that they used to enjoy?

Changed eating or sleeping habits?

Started using drugs/alcohol?

Let grades fall?

Does a friend

Seem depressed or lonely?

Have suspicious bruises or injuries?

Make excuses for the behavior of the dating partner?



WHAT IF YOU SEE ABUSE?

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If it is safe...

- Walking up to the confrontation will sometimes stop the action.
- Pull a friend away from the abuse and out of immediate danger.
- Talk to the abuser or help calm down the situation.
- **Get help,** or talk to a trusted person.

**Speak up! Talk to her/him privately – offer help and support.
Don't judge or blame.**

Just do Something!!

HOW TO PREVENT DATING VIOLENCE

- ✘ Know what is expected in a good relationship.
- ✘ Respect each other's goals, space, and limits.
- ✘ Set boundaries: emotional, physical, sexual, and electronic/digital.

Leave any dating situation when you don't feel "right" or safe!

Don't accept abuse or disrespectful behavior from a friend or a partner.

Talk with a partner about what is expected from the relationship!!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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- ✘ What is human trafficking:
 - + Modern Slavery
 - + Exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor and/or commercial sex work.
- ✘ Second most common criminal activity behind the drug trade
- ✘ Florida is the 3rd largest hub for Human Trafficking in the U.S.
- ✘ Orlando is 3rd in the nation for hotline calls reporting human trafficking

Human Trafficking makes more money than Google, Starbucks, Nike, and the NFL Combined



\$150 Billion/
Year



\$136.6 Billion
Combined 2015
Revenue

YOUTH AT RISK

- ✘ There is no single profile for trafficking victims.
- ✘ Victims can be any age, gender, or race.
- ✘ The majority of reports received on school-age children/teens are for sex trafficking.
- ✘ Traffickers especially target immigrants, homeless youth, runaways, and youth in foster care.
- ✘ Traffickers use social media to befriend teens/kids and gain their trust.
- ✘ Traffickers lure victims by offering housing, travel, loving relationships, or modeling/acting, or other well-paying jobs.



SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SEX TRAFFICKED VICTIMS:

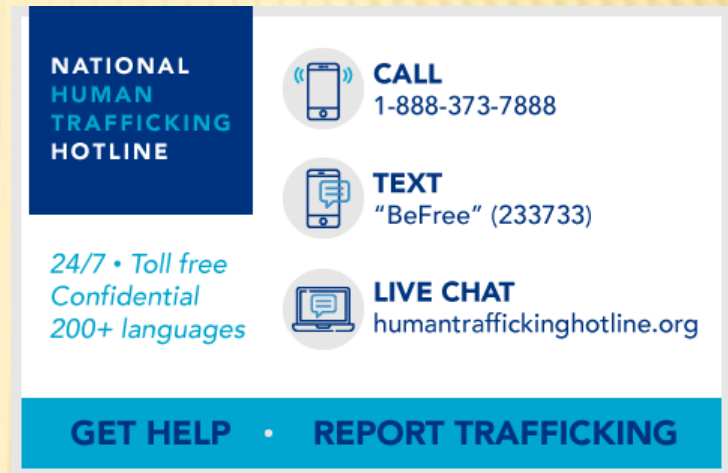
- Show signs of abuse: cuts, burn marks, bruises
- Miss school a lot
- Change clothing style and dress more provocatively
- Own and display expensive items...clothes, purses, jewelry, nails, etc. that don't match their income
- Sport a new tattoo.
- Often tattoos are used to identify the victim as the "property" of the trafficker. Tattoos of a name, money symbol, or barcode can indicate trafficking.
- Have an older boyfriend or new friends with different lifestyles
- Brag about wild parties and invite other friends to these parties

LABOR TRAFFICKED VICTIMS:

- They may not be out in public, except for work.
- Someone keeps tabs on them, speaks for them, and/or holds their money.
- They may show signs of physical or psychological abuse.
- English might not be their primary language. They may not understand English or American culture.
- They may seem fearful and not meet your gaze.
- They work long hours with no bathroom or food breaks.
- They fear police, being arrested, or being deported.
- When asked a question directly, they may look at their "handler" before responding.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

- ✘ Awareness of the issue
- ✘ Online Safety
 - + Be wary of people you don't know personally. Stranger Danger!
 - + Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online!
- ✘ If you see something, say something.
- ✘ Report suspected Human Trafficking
 - + National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888
 - + Florida Abuse Hotline 1-800-96-ABUSE



NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

24/7 • Toll free
Confidential
200+ languages

CALL
1-888-373-7888

TEXT
"BeFree" (233733)

LIVE CHAT
humantraffickinghotline.org

GET HELP • REPORT TRAFFICKING

A LUCRATIVE OFFER AT THE MALL

Nineteen year old Maya was working at a sunglasses kiosk at a mall in Phoenix, Arizona. One day she was approached by an attractive couple who struck up a conversation. The couple told her she was very pretty and should be a model. They said they were modeling agents and could help her make a portfolio. Maya agreed to go out to dinner with them, and then agreed to go to Los Angeles with them to do a photo shoot. Once they reached Los Angeles, the couple dropped her off at a strange apartment where she was forced into prostitution. She had no money, didn't know where she was, and was very scared. After six days, Maya was able to run away from her captors. She approached a truck driver who was making a delivery in the neighborhood and he took her to the police station. She was then reunited with her family.

**IF YOU THINK YOU ARE A VICTIM OF RELATIONSHIP
VIOLENCE... DO NOT BLAME YOURSELF ... SEEK HELP.**

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

1-866-331-9474 or www.thehotline.org

Florida Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-500-1119

National Human Trafficking Hotline

1-888-373-7888

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE

National Youth Crisis Line

1-800-233-4357

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