



TIPS FOR EDUCATORS

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Teen dating violence is the physical, psychological, emotional, or sexual abuse within a dating relationship, including stalking. Unhealthy relationships can occur in person or electronically between a current or former dating partner. Educating students about healthy relationships and respecting boundaries is crucial in preventing victimization.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Only **33% of teens** in abusive relationships **tell someone** (friends, family, or authority figure) about the abuse. (Loveisrespect.org)
- Among high school students who have experienced sexual and physical abuse by a dating partner, **9 out of 10** have seriously **contemplated suicide**, and over **80%** have **attempted suicide**. (cdc.gov)
- In 2019, **1 in 11 females** and **1 in 15 males** reported having experienced physical dating violence in high school. (cdc.gov)

REPORTING:

- National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: 1-866-331-9474 or go to loveisrespect.org
- National Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741

BEST PRACTICES:

- **Educate students on what boundaries are and how to respect them:**
 - A boundary is a limit, rule, or guideline you set with someone to respect your personal space and emotions.
 - Boundaries can be physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional: asking to not be touched, telling someone you do not like the way they are talking to you, not being ready to kiss someone, or making someone aware that their attitude makes you feel embarrassed or ashamed.
 - Discuss electronic boundaries: sharing location, asking for passwords, and sharing images without permission.
- **Encourage students to have healthy relationships:**
 - Green flag behaviors include: respecting each other's differences, feeling safe, and trust.
 - Red flag behaviors include extreme jealousy, controlling language and behavior, codependency, and manipulation of any kind.
- **Explain what consent is and the legal consequences of violating it:**
 - Consent is not the absence of NO but continuous presence of YES.
 - In Texas, the legal age of consent is 17.
 - Having sexual contact with someone 14 years old and younger is a **felony**.
- **Empower students to get the help that they deserve:**
 - Title IX protects student's rights. The Title IX coordinator on campus must provide students with remedies such as: removing the perpetrator from victims' classes, extensions on assignments, escort to class, etc.
 - Encourage students to report to local law enforcement for protections such as filing a report, restraining/protective orders, and medical attention.
 - Empower students to use Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line.



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HOW TO REPORT A TIP



Call 713.222.TIPS (8477)



Use our Mobile App

Application name: Crime Stoppers Houston



Go to crime-stoppers.org

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS



STEP 1

Submit an anonymous tip



STEP 2

Your tip leads to an arrest or disciplinary action



STEP 3

Receive a cash reward
(up to \$5,000)