

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

infographic

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THE NUMBERS

1 in 3 seventh grade U.S. students report being a victim of dating violence¹

44% of ALL students have been in an abusive relationship by the time they graduate from college²

1 in 5 college students are currently in an abusive relationship³

More than **1 in 3** (38%) would not know how to get help on campus if they were in an abusive relationship⁴

THE VICTIMS

Teen dating violence is an equal opportunity problem regardless of gender



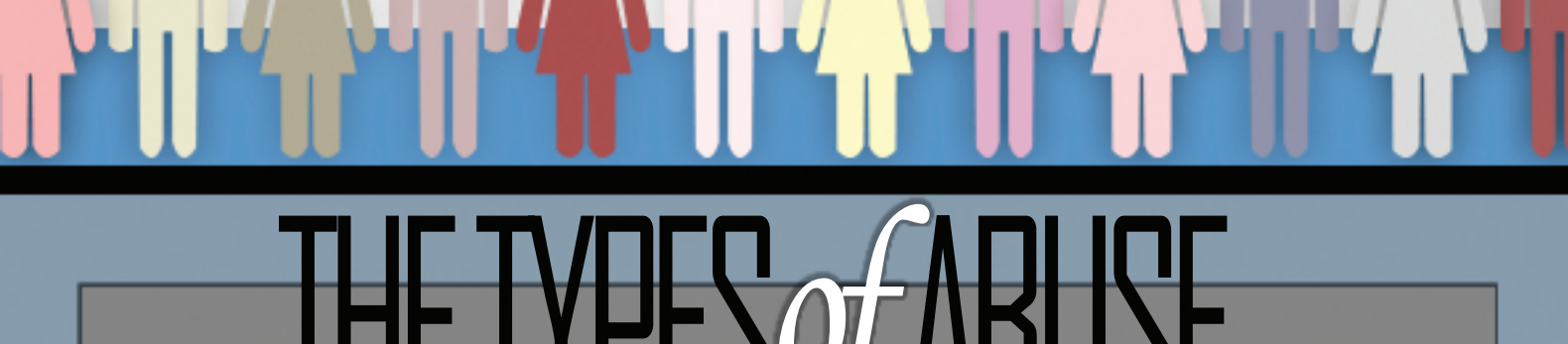
regardless of socioeconomic status



regardless of sexual orientation



regardless of race



THE TYPES of ABUSE

Emotional & Verbal

puts you down ~ tells you what to wear ~ threatens to hurt you or themselves ~ blames you for their anger

Sexual

~ threatens to reveal private info ~ does not respect your desire to practice safe sex ~

Physical

hitting ~ shoving ~ restraining ~ grabbing ~ shaking ~ throwing things

THE USE of TECHNOLOGY

Teens are heavy users of technology

- 95% use the internet
- 78% have their own mobile phones
- 74% access the internet via mobile device
- 37% of online teens participate in video chat

Madden M., et al., "Teens and Technology 2013," Pew Internet & American Life Project, 2013.

1 in 3



A 2009 study by **MTV & AP** showed that **10%** of teens' dating partners demanded they hand over their **password**

1 in 6 teens

have received a phone or minutes from a dating partner unbeknownst to their parents

THE IMPACT

Teens in abusive relationships:

more likely to smoke, binge drink, and use drugs⁵

more likely to feel hopeless and attempt suicide⁶

4x-6x more likely to become pregnant⁷

more likely to experience violent relationships as an adult⁸

THE SOLUTION

awareness

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Help increase awareness by sharing these free resources

- teenDVmonth.org
- stopTDV.org
- LovelsRespect.org

81% DID YOU KNOW? of parents believe dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue⁹

education

10 Warning Signs of an Abusive Relationship

- History of legal or discipline problems.
- Blames you for his/her anger.
- Serious drug or alcohol use.
- History of violent behavior.
- Threatens others regularly.
- Insults you or calls you names.
- Trouble controlling feelings like anger.
- Tells you what to wear, what to do, or how to act.
- Threatens or intimidates you in order to get their way.
- Prevents you from spending time with your friends or family.

DID YOU KNOW? Video Games are an ideal way to learn about dating violence!

Teachers: Free video games are a perfect solution for small budgets!
Teens: Learn the warning signs and how to seek help for yourself or your friends.
Parents: Video games are a great way to begin an important conversation with your teen.
Play a game now: JAGga.me

advocacy

DID YOU KNOW? only one-third of U.S. states require schools teach students about dating violence

- some states don't allow minors to apply for a restraining order against a stalker or abuser
- some states will only grant a restraining order against a dating partner if they have children together or are living together

educate your legislators
sign the petition bit.ly/TDVpetition
write an op-ed

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Our new video game portal for games dealing with emotional health and wellness issues affecting adolescents: JAGga.me

