

## TEEN DATING VIOLENCE FACTS

1. Only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about it.
2. Teen victims of dating violence are more likely to abuse drugs, have eating disorders, and attempt suicide.
3. A recent survey of schools found there were an estimated 4,000 incidents of rape or other types of sexual assault in public schools across the country.
4. In a study of gay, lesbian and bisexual adolescents, youths involved in same-sex dating are just as likely to experience dating violence as youths involved in opposite sex dating.
5. One third of high school students have been or will be involved in an abusive relationship.
6. Dating violence is the leading cause of injury to young women.
7. Nearly one quarter of girls who have been in a relationship reported going further sexually than they wanted as a result of pressure.
8. About 40% of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age that has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.
9. Approximately 70% of young women rape victims knew their rapist either as a boyfriend, friend or casual acquaintance.
10. Six out of ten rapes of young women occur in their own home or a friend or relative's home, not in a dark alley.
11. Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk for intimate partner violence.

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