

Teen Dating Violence

The Facts

1.5M

High school boys and girls in the U.S. admit to being intentionally hit or physically harmed in the last year by someone they are romantically involved with.^[1]



33%

Of American adolescents **are victim** to sexual, physical, verbal, or emotional dating abuse.^[2]

25%

of U.S high school girls have been abused physically or sexually, and are 6 times more likely to become pregnant or contract an STI.^[3]



Females between the ages of 16 and 24 are roughly **3 times** more likely than the rest of the population to be abused by an intimate partner.^[4]

72%

of 13 and 14 year-olds are "dating." Violent behavior often begins between 6th and 7th grade!^[5]



50%

of young people who experience rape or sexual abuse **will attempt** to commit suicide.^[6]

Only **1/3** of the teens who were involved in an abusive relationship confided in someone about the violence.^[7]



25% of teens who have been abused **hesitate to seek help** because they do not want to expose themselves or are unaware of the laws surrounding domestic violence.^[8]

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