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- ◆ Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year (CDC, 2006)
- ◆ 1 in 3 adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner (The National Council on Crime and Delinquency Focus, 2008).
- ◆ 1 in 4 women aged 18 and older in the US have been a victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime (National DV Hotline 2010).
- ◆ Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence, almost triple the national average (US Department of Justice, 2006).
- ◆ Boys who witness DV in their own home are 3 times more likely to harm a partner (Behind Closed Doors, 2006).
- ◆ 40% of teenage girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend (Kaiser Permanente, 1995).
- ◆ 1 in 3 teens reported seeing a parent assaulted (National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence, 2009).
- ◆ 1 in 5 teenage girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend had threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a breakup (Liz Claiborne Inc., 2005).
- ◆ Teenagers account for 51 percent of all reported sexual abuse (U.S. Department of Justice, 2012).
- ◆ 42.8% of LGTBQ Youth reported being physically abused by a dating partner, compared to 29% of heterosexual youth surveyed. (U.S. Department of Justice, 2012).
- ◆ 88.9% of Transgender Youth reported being physically abused by a dating partner. (U.S. Dep. of Justice, 2012).



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## FACTS & STATS

- ◆ 81% of parents either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it is an issue (Liz Claiborne Inc, Knowledge Networks, 2005).
- ◆ Nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationships continue to date their abuser (NY – Teen relationship Abuse Fact Sheet, 1998).
- ◆ Of the girls between the ages of 15-19 murdered each year, 30% are killed by their husband or boyfriend (City of New York, Teen Relationship Abuse Fact Sheet, March 1998).
- ◆ High school girls experiencing dating violence are 4 to 6 times more likely to become pregnant (breakthecycle.org, 2009).
- ◆ Girls who have been abused by a boyfriend are five times more likely to be forced into not using a condom and eight times more likely to be pressured to become pregnant (Futures Without Violence, 2004).
- ◆ 1 in 4 teenage girls in a relationship report enduring repeated verbal abuse (Liz Claiborne, 2005).
- ◆ If trapped in an abusive relationship, 73% of teens said they would turn to a friend for help; but only 33% who have been in or known about an abusive relationship said they have told anyone about it (Liz Claiborne, 2005).
- ◆ Almost 11% of boys said they'd been physically abused by a dating partner (CDC, 2009).
- ◆ More than 1 in 5 young people with disabilities between the ages of 12 and 19 report experiencing violence (including physical abuse, rape or sexual assault from a stranger or partner)-more than twice the rate of youth without a disability (Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2007).
- ◆ At least one fourth of adolescent mothers, and as many as 50-80%, are in abusive relationships before, during or after their pregnancies (Healthy Teen Network, 2001).



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