



# Teens and domestic violence

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# Introduction

## Domestic Violence:

An average of 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States, more than 12 million women and men over the course of a single year.

## Domestic Violence Among Teens

- As many as 76% of teens report emotional and psychological abuse during relationships.
- 1 in 3 teens will experience physical intimate partner violence in their lifetime.



Florida Domestic Violence Hotline:

Phone: 1-800-500-1119

Non-emergency Legal Hotline: 1-800-500-1119 prompt 3

# Teen dating violence

1.

## **What is Teen Dating Violence?**

Teen Dating Violence, also called “dating violence” is a pattern of emotional, verbal, sexual, or physical abuse used by one person in a current or past dating relationship to exert power and control over another when one or both of the partners is a teenager. Includes any person ages 12 to 18 in the context of a past or present romantic or consensual relationship.

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## **Behavior:**

Physical violence

Sexual Violence

Psychological Aggression

Stalking

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## **Who does it occur among?**

Occurs among mixed or same-gender couples, and in all ethnic, racial, cultural and economic groups

# Teen dating violence

1.

## *Statistics*

- Up to 19% of teens experience sexual or physical dating violence, about half face stalking or harassment
- Young girls experience abuse at disproportionate rates
- Transgender youth are particularly at risk
- 1 in 12 U.S. high school students experience physical and or sexual dating violence in a dating relationship

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## *Effects*

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Aggression
- Alcoholism or drug abuse
- Anorexia or Bulimia
- Thoughts of Suicide
- STD's

[National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline](#)

1-866-331-9474

# Teen dating violence

## Florida Statute on Dating Violence, Fla. Stat. § 1006.148

### Title XLVIII

### Chapter 1006

### [View Entire Chapter](#)

#### EARLY LEARNING-20 EDUCATION CODE SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

#### **1006.148 Dating violence and abuse prohibited.—**

- (1) Each district school board shall adopt and implement a dating violence and abuse policy. The policy shall:
- (a) Prohibit dating violence and abuse by any student on school property, during a school-sponsored activity, or during school-sponsored transportation.
  - (b) Provide procedures for responding to such incidents of dating violence or abuse, including accommodations for students experiencing dating violence or abuse.
  - (c) Define dating violence and abuse and provide for a teen dating violence and abuse component in the health education curriculum, according to s. 1003.42(2)(o)2., with emphasis on prevention education.
  - (d) Be implemented in a manner that is integrated with a school district's discipline policies.
- (2) Each district school board shall provide training for teachers, staff, and school administrators to implement this section.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 2010-217; s. 58, ch. 2014-39; s. 2, ch. 2021-83; s. 17, ch. 2023-39.

## Orange County Florida Code of Conduct

### **Teen Dating Violence and Abuse**

Dating violence is defined as violence committed by a person who has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. Dating violence or abuse by any student is prohibited on school property, on school transportation, and/or during any school activity, and will be subject to disciplinary action and may result in criminal penalties.

Anyone who suspects dating violence and abuse is occurring should report the dating violence and abuse to the school administration for further investigation. The reporter may choose to remain anonymous. Any allegations of dating violence will be investigated in accordance with Board [Policy JB titled, "Equal Educational Opportunities."](#)

## Teen Power and Control Wheel



[National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline](#)

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# TEENS WHO EXPERIENCE DV IN THE HOME

## HOW MIGHT A TEENAGER EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

- Experience violence and abuse themselves
- Witness violence or its consequences (injuries, distress, damaged property)
- Live in a violent home or are regularly in a violent environment
- Play the role of carer, protector or supporter of someone impacted by violence
- Hear about someone's experience of violence



# Teens who experience Domestic Violence

May respond to domestic violence with:

- Anger, aggression, lashing out
- trouble sleeping, nightmares
- Anxiety, depression, and panic
- Alcohol or drug misuse
- Self-Harming behavior
- Difficulties with school
- Avoiding home





# ADOLESCENT TO PARENT VIOLENCE (APV)

## AP

APV is any behavior used by a young person to control, dominate, or coerce parents.

## Risk Factors

Exposure to domestic violence in the home

Mental Health conditions such as BPD and depression

## Warning Signs

Change of behavior, threats, cruel to household pets, school reports, threats to call a professional.

# TEENS AGAINST THEIR PARENTS

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“Most abused parents have difficulty admitting even to themselves that their child is abusive.”

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“There is an element of denial where parents convince themselves that their child’s behavior is part of normal adolescent conduct.”

3

“They feel ashamed, disappointed and humiliated and blame themselves .. which has led to this imbalance of power.”

# TEENS AGAINST THEIR PARENTS - JENN AND JASONS STORY

- 15-year-old son has violent outbursts despite attending parenting classes and seeking therapy
- Experienced trauma in his birth family, leading to PTSD, ADHD, and reactive disorder. Violent outbursts began at age 4 and worsened with age
- Mainly directed at his mother, but escalated to physical threats and destruction of property
- Parents frequently call the police
- Emotional toll on family and 12-year-old sister
- Made the decision to send their son to a residential facility for children with severe behavioral issues
- **“But it’s different when it’s your son.”**



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# Q&A Session

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