



**1 IN 3 TEENS  
HAVE  
EXPERIENCED  
DATING VIOLENCE**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT'S MISSION

- ▣ “TO DEVELOP, ESTABLISH, AND IMPLEMENT PROTOCOLS THAT ENHANCE POLICE RESPONSE AND HANDLING OF DOMESTIC INCIDENTS. OUR GOAL IS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS, AND KEEP FAMILIES SAFE.”



# THE FACTS

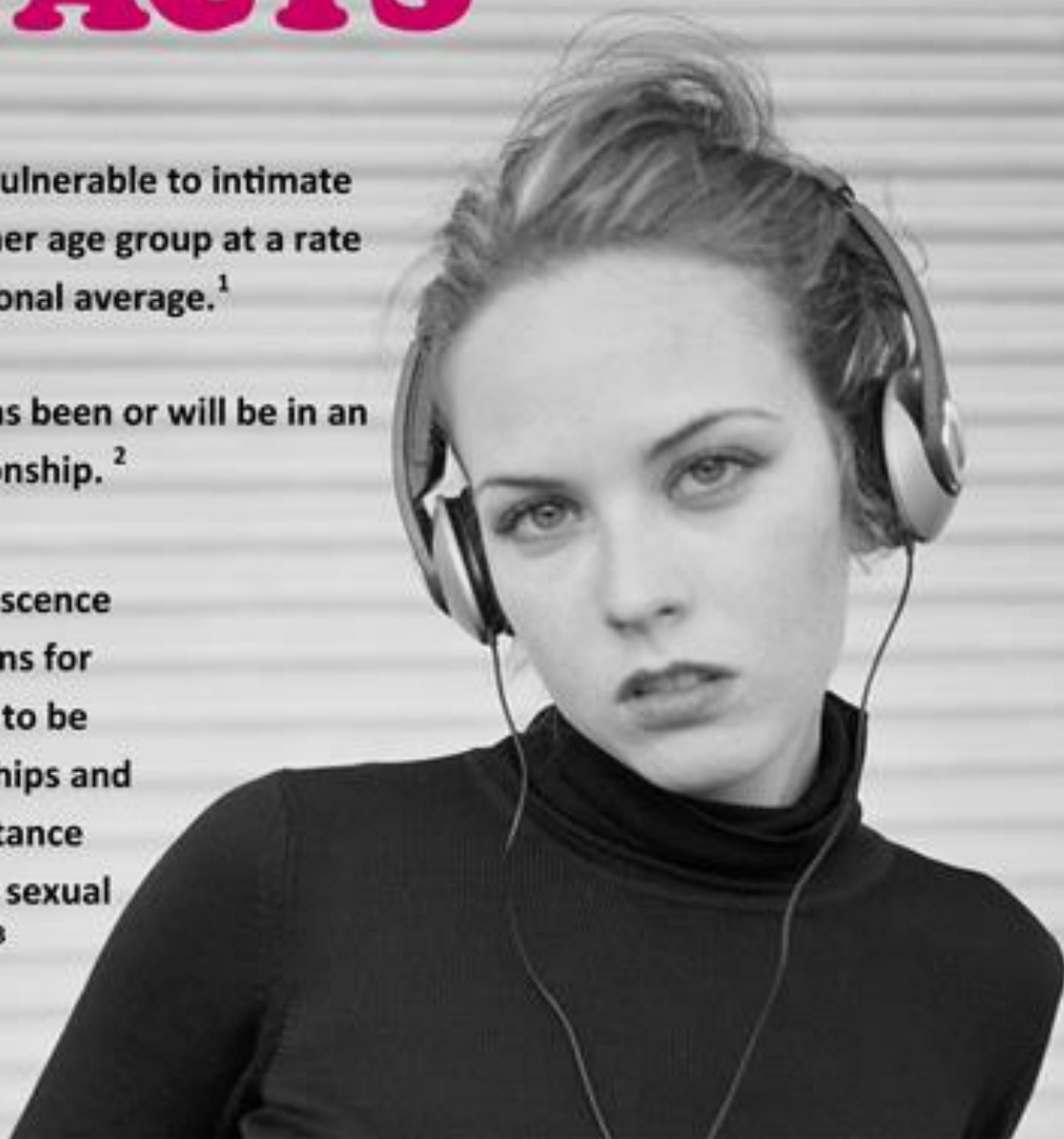
Youth, age 16-24, are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group at a rate almost triple the national average.<sup>1</sup>

1 in 3 high school students has been or will be in an abusive relationship.<sup>2</sup>

Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims: Many will continue to be abused in their adult relationships and are at a higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and suicide.<sup>3</sup>

Sources:

1. [Loveisrespect.org](http://Loveisrespect.org)
2. U.S. Department of Justice
3. [Loveisrespect.org](http://Loveisrespect.org)



# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Answer Yes or No to the following statements:

1. My partner gives me a hard time when I want to spend time with my friends instead of hanging out with him/her.
2. My partner gets angry when I don't answer his/her texts. S/He wont stop calling until I respond.
3. My partner always wants to know what I am doinf, where I am going, and whom I am with.
4. If I have a disagreement with my partner, s/he loses control, gets upset, and says hurtful things.
5. Sometimes my partner pressures me to do things that make me uncomfortable.

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be experiencing dating violence and abuse. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** There are many people who can help and resources available.

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

## *HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE*

1. Explore information online. Type your name into a web based search engine and see what comes up.
2. Create secure passwords and change them regularly.
3. If you think someone is tracking you with your cell phone, the safest thing to do is turn off the phone and take out battery if possible. Turn off location services.
4. Install anti-spyware and be careful what you post online! Remember, a picture you post now, will stay online forever!
5. If someone is using their cell phone to harass you, call your phone company and block the number.
6. Call the police to report the abuse and harassment.
7. Consider getting an Order of Protection.

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

## HOW THE POLICE CAN HELP!

1. Some teen dating violence or abuse is criminal. You can speak to a Domestic Violence Prevention Officer (DVPO) at your local precinct who will explain your options.
2. Officer can inform you how to obtain an Order of Protection
3. You can obtain referrals to health care and social service programs.
4. Officers can help you get to a safe place.
5. Officers can help you develop a safety plan.

**IN CASE OF  
EMERGENCY  
CALL 911**

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

## HOW TO HELP A FRIEND

1. Express your concerns for his/her safety.
2. Listen without judgment!
3. Remember, **ONLY** the abuser is responsible for the violence.
4. Encourage him/her to participate in activities **OUTSIDE** of the relationship
5. Avoid direct confrontations with the abusers. This could be dangerous for you and your friends.
6. Be patient. It takes time for victims to take action. Speaking to you is a huge first step.
7. If you're worried about speaking to a friend, speak with a trusted adult such as a teacher, school principal, counselor, or parent.
8. Encourage your friend to seek help
9. Suggest they report the abuse to the police.



# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

## RESOURCES

1. NYC Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-621-HOPE
2. National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: 1-866-331-9474 ([www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org))
3. Day One: 1-800-214-4150 ([www.dayoneny.org](http://www.dayoneny.org))
4. Anti-Violence Project: 212-714-1141 ([www.avp.org](http://www.avp.org)) – Assist LGBT and HIV-affected individuals
5. Family Justice Centers – See next slides

# *THE NEW YORK* *FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER*

- ▣ Provides information and services for domestic violence victims in one location
- ▣ *Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island locations*
  - Advocates and Case Managers
  - Police Officers
  - District Attorneys
  - Therapeutic Counseling
  - Elder Abuse services
  - Lawyers for Family Matters, Immigration and Divorce
  - Children's Services
  - Clergy Counseling



# FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS

## **BROOKLYN Family Justice Center**

350 Jay Street, 15th Floor  
(718) 250-5113

## **BRONX Family Justice Center**

198 East 161st Street, 2nd Floor  
(718) 508-1220

## **MANHATTAN Family Justice Center**

80 Centre Street, 5th Floor  
(212) 602-2800

## **QUEENS Family Justice Center**

126-02 82nd Avenue, Kew Gardens  
(718) 575-4545

## **STATEN ISLAND Family Justice Center**

126 Stuyvesant Place, 1st Floor  
718-697-4300