

# Dating Abuse Fast Facts

- **An alarming numbers of teens experience and accept abusive behavior in dating relationships.** Many teens also feel physically and sexually threatened.
- **1 in 5 teens** who have been in a serious relationship report being **hit, slapped or pushed by a partner.**
- **1 in 3 girls** who have been in a serious relationship say they've been concerned **about being physically hurt** by their partner.
- **1 in 4 teens** who have been in a serious relationship say their boyfriend or girlfriend has tried to prevent them from **spending time with friends or family**; the same number have been pressured to only spend time with their partner.
- **1 out of 6 Delaware high school girls and 1 out of 14 boys** report that their dating partner has done something on purpose to hurt them.
- When asked if they have witnessed domestic violence in their homes in the last year, **1 out of 4 Delaware 8th graders** said "yes".

## **FOR HELP OR MORE INFO.:**

Call the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline or go to **[www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)**

In Delaware, call a 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline:

New Castle County- (302)762-6110

Kent/Sussex County- (302)422-8058

Kent/Sussex County (Spanish)- (302)745-9874

Delaware's 24 hour confidential crisis helpline and rape crisis program:

New Castle County- (302)761-9100

Kent/Sussex County- 1-800-262-9800

For more information about how to have healthy relationships, check out



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