

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



What is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month?

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) takes place every February. This is an issue that impacts everyone - not just teens - but their parents, teachers, friends and communities. We have the power to address this serious issue, together. We can do this by promoting safe, healthy relationships through conversation and programming.

In this toolkit we've provided social media posts, graphics, a discussion guide, and a pledge to help make raising awareness in your community simple. Whether you're looking for posts to share with youth in your program or you're a parent who wants to be able to spot an unhealthy relationship, this toolkit has something for you.

#TeenDatingViolenceAwareness
#TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LoveIsRespect

Post on Facebook

Post, share, and like.

It's National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month! Like this post and share if you stand with survivors. #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. If you have a friend who you think may be in an unhealthy relationship, get help: thatsnotcool.com. #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect



In honor of #TDVAM, start a conversation with your friends about what's okay and not okay when it comes to relationships. Then, take a stand and take the pledge! *[insert pledge image]* #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect

Happy Valentine's Day! Take a stand against teen dating violence and show your support for healthy, respectful relationships by sharing this pledge. *[insert pledge image]* #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect

1 in 3 teens say they have been text messaged up to 30 times an hour by a partner wanting to know where they are, what they're doing, or who they're with. Need help drawing your digital line? Visit thatsnotcool.com. #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect

Tweet

Tweet, share, and like.

It's National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month! Pledge to show respect in all your relationships by sharing the pledge. *[insert pledge image]* #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect

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Though 82% of parents feel confident that they could recognize the signs if their child was experiencing dating violence abuse, a majority (58%) could not correctly identify all the warning signs. Learn the signs: <https://bit.ly/3e6nD5y>. #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect

Boundaries are an important part of any relationship. Be sure to have those talks with your dating partner. #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect

When does caring become controlling? Find more info about teen dating violence at thatsnotcool.com. #TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LovelsRespect



Graphics

Post, tweet, and share. You can download these graphics at www.factforward.org/teen-dating-violence-awareness-month.

february facts

26% of women
and
15% of men
experience intimate partner
violence for the first time
before age 18

ACCORDING TO CDC.GOV

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february facts

About **1 in 11 female teens**
and **1 in 15 male teens**
reported experiencing
physical dating violence in
the last year

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february facts

Teen dating violence is not
equal across all groups –
sexual and racial/ethnic
minority groups are
disproportionately affected
by all forms of violence

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february facts

**1 in 3 dating college
students** has given a dating
partner their computer, email
or social network passwords
and these students are more
likely to experience digital
dating abuse

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february facts

Being physically or sexually
abused makes teen girls **six
times more likely** to
become pregnant and twice
as likely to get a STD

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81% of parents believe teen
dating violence is not an
issue or admit they don't
know if it's an issue

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Take the Pledge

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Take the Pledge

I pledge:

To show respect in all my relationships - online and in person. I understand that healthy relationships are free from pressure, control, and threats. I will trust my instincts and tell someone I trust - like a friend, parent, or teacher - if someone is crossing my line.



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Discussion Guide

This is a guide to lead a casual conversation with adolescents, friends, trusted-adults, or within program facilitation.

Questions & Conversation Prompts

- What's the culture like at your school in regards to dating? What would you change?
- What assumptions related to gender do you think people might have when it comes to dating?
- What is your opinion about sexting? What is uncool to do, and what is acceptable?
- When do you feel safest, healthiest and most supported in your close relationships (dating or otherwise)? What can those people do to encourage these positive feelings? What can you do?
- What is it like to talk about dating with adults in your life?
- Has there been a time when you have felt disrespected by a significant other, online or offline? How did you respond?
- What is it like for you when you notice that a friend's significant other is not treating them well? What do you do?



Questions?

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