



RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

“Teen dating violence,” as defined by Section 71.0021 of the Texas Family Code, is the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a dating relationship.

Relationships that have a lot of conflict or violence of any type (verbal, physical, emotional or sexual) are not healthy. If a little voice inside you is saying that something’s not right in the relationship, listen! Talk with someone you trust, other than your boyfriend or girlfriend, about these concerns.

Are you going out with someone who:

- Is jealous and possessive toward you, won’t let you have friends, checks up on you, or won’t accept breaking up?
- Tries to control you by being very bossy, giving orders, making all the decisions, and doesn’t take your opinion seriously?
- Is scary, threatens you, uses or owns weapons?
- Is violent, has history of fighting, loses his/her temper quickly, or brags about mistreating others?
- Pressures you for sex, is forceful or scary about sex?
- Blames you when he/she mistreats you, saying you provoked him/her, pressed his/her buttons or made him/her do it?
- Has a history of bad relationships and always blames the other person for all the problems?
- Believes that men should be in control and powerful and women should be passive and submissive or vice versa?
- Your friends and family have warned you about and told you they are worried for your safety?

THESE ARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE.