The Prevalence of TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

1 in 3 adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Each year, 1.5 million teens are being affected NATIONWIDE

Teen Dating Violence starts at an early age

Nearly 50% MIDDLE SCHOOLERS have been a victim of SEXUAL harassment in the past 6 months

1 in 4 teen girls report being PRESSURED to engage in ORAL SEX or INTERCOURSE in their relationships

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS experiencing dating violence are 4 to 6 times more likely to become PREGNANT

1 in 5 teenage girls said a BOYFRIEND had threatened VIOLENCE or SELF HARM if presented with a BREAK UP

Of all girls ages 15-19 MURDERED each year, 30% are killed by their HUSBAND or BOYFRIEND

Yet... 4 in 5 girls CONTINUE to date their ABUSER
### Results of a National Survey

**TEENS**
- Total: 477
- Ages 14-17
- 1/4 know at least one student who has been a VICTIM of dating violence
- 11% know MULTIPLE VICTIMS of dating violence
- 30% have WITNESSED an event of dating violence

**PARENTS**
- Total: 456
- With at least one teen child
- 54% admit they have NOT SPOKEN to their children about dating violence
- 81% believe teen dating violence is NOT AN ISSUE or admit THEY DON’T KNOW it is an issue

### Help Break the Cycle of Domestic Violence

- 73% of teens would TURN TO A FRIEND for help if they were trapped in an abusive relationship
- **ONLY** 33% of teens who find themselves in an abusive relationship actually TELL ANYONE

For ONE reported incident of teen dating violence
- THREE go UNREPORTED

WE CAN HELP CALL US TODAY
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- 24 Hour Hotline

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