

*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**

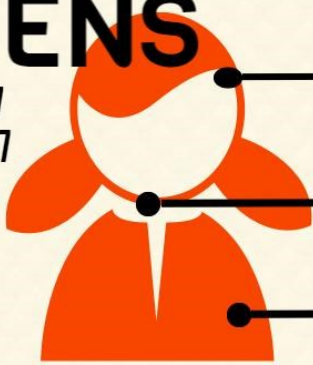


# Results of a National Survey

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## 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

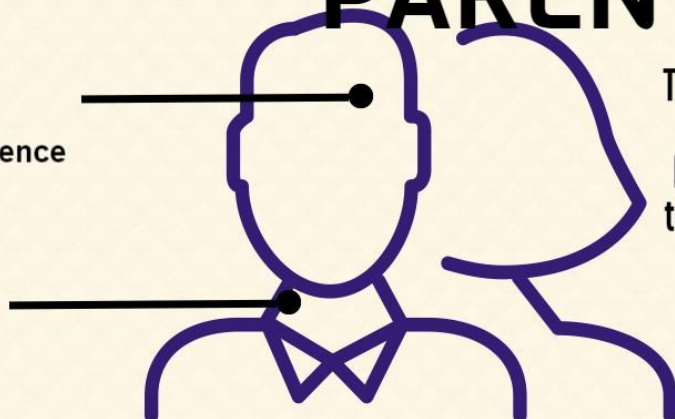
## PARENTS

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



Total: 456  
With at least one teen child

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**

but...

For

ONE



reported incident of teen dating violence



THREE



go **UNREPORTED**

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