



### Teen Dating... Can it be that violent too? from Danielle Joy Linhart

Yes, absolutely, just taking someone out can turn into an abusive relationship. In this case the cycle of abuse might move a bit quicker. So, you have to look for the signs faster. The cute jealousy and possessiveness will come on a lot stronger quicker. The aggressive behavior whether it is abusive or verbal with also come a lot quicker as well and you can't let your guard down. Being strong is key all of the time when dating, especially someone new. The kicker is... it can even be someone you know for seven years. Let's go over the signs of Dating Violence:

- Not letting you hang out with your friends
- Calling you frequently to find out where you are
- Telling you what to wear or picking out your clothing
- Having to be with you all of the time
- Jealousy
- Belittling you
- Threatening to hurt you

This is the point when it is time to leave and move on because the abuse hasn't started and it is much easier to leave the relationship at this point in time. There is no need to stay with someone who would treat someone like this!!!!

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. Both boys and girls are victims, but boys and girls abuse their partners in different ways. Girls are more likely to yell, threaten to hurt themselves, pinch, slap, scratch, or kick. Boys injure girls more, are more likely to punch their partner, and more likely to force them to participate in unwanted sexual activity.

- One in three teenager has experienced violence in a dating relationship
- 50% to 80% of teen have reported knowing others who were involved in violent relationships
- 15% of teen girls & boys have reported being victims of severe dating violence
- 8% of 8th & 9th grade students have reported being victims of sexual dating violence
- Young women, ages 16 to 24 years, experience the highest rates of relationship violence

These statistics are outstanding and with an open an honest relationship with a parent/child relationship this can be avoidable. Remember Mom and Dad... your child is not your best friend... you are the parent, so please be the parent. Support no matter what is also, the most important thing and I can attest to that one, because my parents were by my side every step of the way during my abusive relationship.

With that being said... If you think you are in an abusive relationship, get help immediately. Don't keep your concerns to yourself. If you think you might know someone in an abusive relationship be there unconditionally.

Please write to me and send me poems or articles about your experiences... you can even send me some short stories at [daniellelinhart@aol.com](mailto:daniellelinhart@aol.com). Love ya bunches.

*Danielle Joy Linhart is the author of **From Deep Within** A portion of the proceeds from her book will be donated to [LoveIsRespect.org](http://LoveIsRespect.org). Please visit [www.daniellejoylinhart.com](http://www.daniellejoylinhart.com) to get help on Teen Dating Abuse, and, if you would like to send poetry or articles to [Danielle](mailto:Danielle).*

If you know of a woman who will no longer grace our future because of domestic violence, please send us her story, or your own.

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