

# TEEN DATING VIOLENCE IS

## PREVALENT

A third of U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional violence from a partner before they become adults.\*

## COMPLEX

Teen dating violence can show up in multiple ways, including physical (hitting, kicking), emotional (insults, breaking down your self esteem), sexual (coercion, restricting birth control access), financial (making you buy things, taking your paychecks), and digital (demanding your passwords, reading your texts).

## OVERLOOKED

Many domestic violence programs and resources are geared towards adults, which makes them harder for teens to access. Additionally, teen dating violence is often dismissed as "drama" or "normal teenage stuff" by adults.

## PREVENTABLE

Teen dating violence can be prevented when we confront the root causes of violence, challenge risk factors, and build protective factors and developmental assets to promote positive development and healthy relationships!

#teenDVAM

**FEBRUARY IS TEEN  
DATING VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS MONTH**

If you or someone you know needs help, call the Virginia Statewide Hotline at (800)838-8238.

Check out [doyoutools.org](http://doyoutools.org) and [teachconsent.org](http://teachconsent.org) for more info about prevention.



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