

Is Your Daughter In An Abusive Relationship?

Many teenagers find themselves in dating relationships that are controlling, manipulative and sometimes physically abusive. Research shows that 98% of teenage girls who have been abused by a boyfriend continue to date the abuser. Here are some warning signs to look for if you are concerned about your daughter:

- She apologizes for his behavior and makes excuses for him.
- She loses interest in activities she used to enjoy.
- She stops seeing friends and family members and becomes more isolated.
- When your daughter and her boyfriend are together, he puts her down or calls her names in front of other people.
- He acts extremely jealous of others who pay attention to her, especially other guys.
- He thinks or tells your daughter that you don't like him.
- He checks up on her constantly, calling her often to find out where she is and who she is with, and controls her activities.
- She casually mentions his violent behavior, but laughs it off as a joke.
- She has unexplained injuries, or the explanations don't make sense.
- You see him losing his temper, striking things or breaking things.

For help with dating violence or domestic violence, please contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE