

RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE STATISTICS

1. Approximately one in five high school girls report being physically and/or sexually abused by the person they were dating.
2. Young women between 16 and 24 are nearly three times more vulnerable to relationship violence than women in other age groups.
3. Abused girls are four to six times more likely to get pregnant and eight to nine times more likely to have tried to commit suicide.
4. As many as 324,000 pregnant women are the victims of domestic violence each year.
5. In 2009, Texas law enforcement received 196,713 family violence reports. The same year, 111 women were killed by their intimate partner.
6. The effects of children witnessing violence in their homes range from temporary upset, to clear symptoms of post-traumatic stress syndrome, to increased aggressive or violent behavior.
7. A child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behaviors from one generation to the next.
8. One study found that children who grew up in violent homes had a six times higher likelihood of attempting suicide; a 24 percent greater chance of committing sexual assault crimes; a 74 percent increased incidence of committing crimes against a person; and a 50 percent increased chance of abusing alcohol or drugs.
9. As many as 10 million children witness domestic violence every year.
10. Half of young Texas adults said they'd experienced dating violence (sexual, physical, emotional or verbal abuse) either as the victim or the abuser.
11. One-third (36 percent) of teens in a 2007 study reported that their partner had checked up on them 10, 20 or 30 times per day via cell phone (for example, asking where he/she is, or who he/she is with).
12. Almost one-third (30 percent) of teens in a 2007 study reported that their partner used email or text messaging to check up on them 10, 20, or 30 times per hour.

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13. One in four teens in a 2007 study reported communicating electronically hourly between midnight and 5 a.m.
14. Some 17 percent of teens in a 2007 study said their boy/girlfriend had made them afraid to not respond to an electronic communication.
15. One in four teens in the same study experienced harassment, name-calling or put-downs from a current or former dating partner through cell phone or text messaging.
16. Nearly one in five teens in the same study experienced harassment or put-downs through a social networking site.

Statements 1-4, 7, and 9 are cited on the Family Violence Prevention Fund website: www.endabuse.org.

Statement 5 and 10 are cited on the Texas Council on Family Violence website: www.tcfv.org.

Statement 6 is cited in The Future of Children, "The Impact of Violence on Children," Winter 1999, page 12 and 9.

Statement 8 is from the American Bar Association – Commission on Domestic Violence.

Statements 11-16 are from Liz Claiborne, Inc/Teen Research Unlimited. (January, 2007). Tech abuse in teen relationships study. http://loveisnotabuse.com/web/guest/search/-/journal_content/56/10123/83961