

# Make a difference

Talk to the teenager in your life about dating violence



Have you spoken with the teenager in your life about dating violence?

Go to [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org), and [www.thatsnotcool.com](http://www.thatsnotcool.com), both new sites to help facilitate your discussions. These websites contain fact sheets, quizzes, safety tips and tools to use, whether you are a victim, perpetrator, parent or friend.

A teenager's world revolves around digital communication. Constant texting, posting embarrassing messages on someone's My-Space page, or monitoring someone using technology, can be abuse.

Liz Claiborne, Inc. conducted a survey showing that at least one-half of parents surveyed hadn't spoken to their teenager about dating violence. The results point to an escalation in abusive behavior in dating relationships.

## Here's some facts.....

- One in 5 teenagers who have been in a serious relationship report being hit, slapped or punched by a partner.
- One in 5 teenagers between the ages of 11 and 14 say their friends are victims of dating violence and nearly half know friends who are verbally abused.
- One in 3 teenager girls who have been in a serious relationship say they've been concerned about being physically hurt by their partner.

*Let's stop the violence.*

## Thank You SafeHouse Community Volunteers

*Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU to all of you who donated your time, talents, and hard work throughout 2009 to help keep the residents of SafeHouse safe and secure. You put smiles on hundreds of faces and gave hope, health, and a sense of self worth to so many women and children in their time of turmoil and uncertainty.*

*Total Volunteer Hours for 2009 - 2,327 hrs.*



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