

Statistics about Dating Violence

- A study of eighth and ninth graders showed that 25% reported being victims of dating violence (American journal of Preventive Medicine, 1996).
- Women aged 16 to 24 experiences the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence (US Department of Justice, 1997).
- 21.7% of pregnant teenagers experience abuse in their relationship (Nursing Research, 1993)
- In a study of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, 40% said that they had been hurt physically or sexually by someone they dated (Massachusetts Department of Education, 1998).
- Forty percent of girls aged 14to 17 report knowing someone their own age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend (Child Now/Kaiser Permanente poll, 1995)
- Experiencing dating violence is associated with an increased risk of substance abuse, Unhealthy weight control behavior, sexual risk behaviors, pregnancy and sociality