

What is Teen Dating Violence?

Teen Dating Violence, also known as “teen dating abuse”, is when a partner intentionally uses destructive behaviors to exert power and control over their dating partner. This violence can take place in all romantic relationships, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity of the abuser or victim, and in many different ways. Sometimes abusive people illustrate patterns, but this isn’t always true! It is important to know that even if an abuser never physically hurts their partner, they can still be abusive! The “Power and Control Wheel” was developed by the Domestic Abuse Intervention in Duluth, Minnesota to describe different forms of abuse. The adapted version for teens is below.

