



February is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month

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29 Facts about Teen Dating Violence, # Trend: #ItsNotLoveWhen

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Feb 1:

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Visit <http://AWAREnow.org>
This month is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month! Let's get #ItsNotLoveWhen trending... #ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend threatens to hurt themselves if you leave them

Feb 2:

1 in 3 teens know someone who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, or physically hurt by their partner.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend calls and texts you constantly to find out where you are or who you're with.

Feb 3:

13% of teenage girls say they have been in a physically abusive relationship.
#ItsNotLoveWhen you feel like you have to walk on eggshells to stay out of trouble with your partner

Feb 4:

Only half of teens say they know the warning signs of an abusive relationship.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your partner's wish is your command.

Feb 5:

Women ages 16 to 24 experience the highest per capita rates of intimate violence--nearly 20 per 1000 women.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your relationship is a 1 way street-- love is give and take!

Feb 6:

One study found that 38 percent of date rape victims were young women from 14 to 17 years of age.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your partner wants you to stop being YOU.

Feb 7:

Almost half of teens have been personally victimized by controlling behaviors.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend makes you abandon your friends.

Feb 8:

Only 25% of tweens report of having a dating abuse course at school.
#ItsNotLoveWhen you feel like you have to give affection even when you don't want to.

Feb 9:

2 of 5 tweens know someone who has experienced technological abuse.
#ItsNotLoveWhen "no" doesn't really mean "no" anymore

Feb 10:

More than 1 in 3 teens report that their partner wanted to know their whereabouts and who they were with all the time.
#ItsNotLoveWhen you feel sad, depressed, lonely, or smothered because of a loved one.

Feb 11:

43% of dating college women have experienced violent and abusive dating behaviors.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend becomes violent.

Feb 12:

Between 1993 and 1999, 22% of all homicides against females ages 16-19 were committed by an intimate partner.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your partner humiliates you, even if they say it's just a joke.

Feb 13:

(2004) 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue.

Feb 14:

39% of female HS students report that students talk in school about whether someone is attempting to control the person they are dating.
#ItsNotLoveWhen your gut is telling you something is wrong. Even if it's #ValentinesDay!

Feb 15:

33% of 14-17 yr olds have actually witnessed an episode of dating violence.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your partner has drained all of your self confidence out of you.

Feb 16:

20% of surveyed male students report witnessing someone they go to high school with physically hit a person they were dating.

#ItsNotLoveWhen you feel like your space has been violated

Feb 17:

Only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse.

#ItsNotLoveWhen the decisions you make are only in your partner's best interests, and not in yours

Feb 18:

Male peer support for violence against women is a constant predictor of male violence within post-secondary educational institutions.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your privacy seems to have disappeared

Feb 19:

50% of youth reporting both dating violence and rape also reported attempting suicide, compared to 12.5% of non-abused girls and 5.4% of non-abused boys.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend unreasonably accuses you of cheating or flirting

Feb 20:

A majority of parents (54%) admit they've not spoken to their child about dating violence.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your partner punishes you.

Feb 21:

Only 7% of teen girls say they would turn to the police if their partner was exhibiting controlling or abusive dating behavior.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend says you have caused or provoked their wrongful behavior.

Feb 22:

Among female victims of intimate partner violence, a current or former BF or GF victimized 94% of those between the ages of 16-19.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your partner says everything is your fault.

Feb 23:

In a study of LGBi adolescents, youths in same-sex dating are as likely to experience dating violence as youths in opposite sex dating.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to turn you away from your friends and family.

Feb 24:

Approximately 1 in 5 female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.

#ItsNotLoveWhen you feel like you can't make, change, or cancel plans with your boyfriend or girlfriend.

Feb 25:

A comparison of Intimate Partner Violence rates between teens and adults reveals that teens are at higher risk of intimate partner abuse.

#ItsNotLoveWhen you feel like you are trapped.

Feb 26:

Many studies indicate that, as a dating relationship becomes more serious, the potential for and nature of violent behavior escalates.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your partner screams or curses at you.

Feb 27:

96% of teens report psychological or emotional abuse in their relationships.

#ItsNotLoveWhen there's no more "you" time.

Feb 28:

1 in 11 teens report being forced to have sex with their partner when they didn't want to.

#ItsNotLoveWhen your boyfriend or girlfriend pressures you into doing things you don't want to do, like drugs, alcohol, or sex.

Feb 29:

National Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month may be over, but I pledge to stay diligent in preventing DV and educating others.

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#ItsNotLoveWhen you feel like you always come 2nd.