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STATISTICS

- 40 percent of 14 to 17-year-olds know at least one student who has been the victim of dating violence.
- An estimated 33 percent of high school/college-aged young people experience relationship abuse.
- Nearly one in five teenage girls said a boyfriend had threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a break-up.
- One in four teenage girls who have been in relationships admit they have been pressured to perform sexual acts.
- 26 percent of teenage girls in a relationship report enduring repeated verbal abuse.
- 80 percent of teens regard verbal abuse as a “serious issue” for their age group.
- 20 percent of dating couples report some type of violence in their relationship.
- Relationship violence is the number one cause of injury to women between the ages of 15-44—more than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined.
- Battering is the second leading cause of death for women 20-45 in the United States today.
- Of the women between the ages 15-19 murdered each year in the United States, 30 percent are killed by their husbands or boyfriends.
- Nearly 80 percent of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationships continue to date their abuser.
- 70 percent of pregnant teenagers are abused by their partners.
- Relationship abuse can be directed at men as well as women, but young women ages 16-24 experience the highest rates of relationship violence.
- Gay, lesbian and bisexual teens are as likely to experience violence in same-sex relationships as youths involved in opposite sex dating.

Sources: *Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV)*

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