

Teen dating violence is a pattern of behaviors used to exert power and control over a partner and refers to relationships in which the partners are not living together and do not have a child in common, but are in a dating relationship.

PREVALENCE

- In 2009, in New York City, 11% of male and female high school students reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend/girlfriend within the past year. (*NYC High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2009*)
- Approximately one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner. (*The National Council on Crime and Delinquency Focus, 2008*)
- In 2007, it was estimated that 131 of every 100,000 young women between the ages of 12 and 19 visited an emergency room department because of injuries resulting from intimate partner violence. (*NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Injury Surveillance System, 2007*)
- In 2010, almost 1,100 individuals between the ages of 17-21 and 54 youth under the age of 16 filed family offense petitions in New York State Family Courts as victims of violence in an "intimate relationship" (expanded in 2008 by legislation to include dating relationships in which the partners have no children and are not married). (*Expanded Access to Family Court Act, ch. 326, 2008 N.Y. Law 326 codified as amended in sections of N.Y. Fam. Ct. Act, N.Y. Crim. Proc. Law and N.Y. Jud. Law*)
- One in four teens in a relationship say they have been called names, harassed or put down by their partner through cell phones and texting. (*Liz Claiborne and Teenage Research Unlimited, 2007*)
- In a 2006-2007 study of New York City youth ages 13-21, 48% stated that their current or recent partner insisted on knowing where they were at all times. Another 43% stated that their partner checked their cell phone to see who they called, with more than half of these youth (56%), reporting this occurred "sometimes" or "often." (*NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault and the Columbia Center for Youth Violence Prevention, Columbia University, 2008*)

NEW YORK CITY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

The New York City Healthy Relationship Training Academy, a prevention initiative of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, was established in 2005 to provide educational and skills-building training for adolescents, parents, and organizations that provide services to young people. The Academy's Peer Educators facilitate interactive workshops about the dynamics of abusive relationships and the characteristics of healthy relationships, as well as provide resources for getting help.

Since its inception in 2005 through July 1, 2011, the Academy has reached 22,084 young people through 1,104 peer education workshops. Additionally, the Academy has trained over 2,000 staff members of different organizations and 618 parents. The workshops are designed to be inclusive to special teen populations including those who are pregnant and parenting, foreign-born, sexually exploited through prostitution, LBGTQ and/or runaway and homeless. The workshops are provided at no cost to the hosting organization and are available year-round.

The Healthy Relationship Training Academy distributes free public education materials including a poster and brochure on the topic of dating violence and healthy relationships. It has created the New York City Directory of Resources for Teenage Victims of Domestic Violence and Dating Violence which features information on 60 organizations that offer teen-friendly services and are located throughout New York City's five boroughs.

For more information or to request a workshop, visit www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence/academy.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, call 911 for emergencies; call NYC's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-621-4673 TTY: 1-866-604-5350 or 311 for general City services information. Help is available in all languages. Callers will receive immediate, confidential assistance including crisis counseling, safety planning and referrals.