

Danger Ahead

Early Warning Signs of Teen Dating Violence

Are you going out with someone who.....

- Is jealous and possessive toward you, won't let you have friends or checks up on you
- Won't let you break up with them
- Tries to control you: orders you around; makes all the decisions; or doesn't take your opinions seriously
- Is scary: you worry about how they will react to things you do or say; they may threaten you
- Owns or uses weapons
- Is violent: has a history of fighting, abuses animals, loses temper quickly, brags about mistreating others
- Pressures you or is forceful about sex. Attempts to manipulate or guilt trip you by saying "if you really loved me you would..."
- Gets too serious about the relationship too fast
- Abuses alcohol or other drugs and pressures you to take them
- Blames you when they mistreat you. Tells you that you led them on, pushed their buttons
- Does not accept responsibility for their actions. Blames problems on others
- You have been warned about him/her by family/friends. They are concerned for your safety

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