

Teen Dating Violence

ACCS

Choose your partner carefully...**Your** life depends on it.

Dating violence isn't an argument every once in a while, or a bad mood after a bad day. Dating violence is a pattern of controlling behavior that someone uses against a girlfriend or boyfriend. If someone is hurting you get help..... Love shouldn't hurt.

Does your boyfriend/girlfriend:

- Look at you or act in ways that scare you?
- Act jealous or possessive?
- Put you down or criticize you?
- Try to control where you go, what you wear or what you do?
- Text or IM you excessively?
- Blame you for hurtful things they say and do?
- Threaten to kill or hurt you or themselves if you leave them?
- Try to stop you from seeing or talking to friends and family?
- Try to force you to have sex before your ready?
- Do they hit, slap, push or kick you?

If you answered yes to any of these, you could be in a violent dating relationship. You are not alone and you are not to blame. 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will experience dating violence.

For more information contact the **Partnership For Violence Free Families at 419-228-8664.**

