



Source: Liz Claiborne Inc., Tweens and Teen Dating Abuse Survey, 2008

Research conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU)

Significant numbers of teens are experiencing emotional and mental abuse and violence in their dating relationships; this is even more alarming among teens who have had sex by the age of 14.

- Nearly half of teen girls who have been in a relationship (48%) say they have been victims of verbal, physical, or sexual abuse by their boyfriends.
 - Among all teens who had sex by age 14, 69% report having gone through one or more types of abuse in a relationship.
- Among all teens age 15-18, one in ten (10%) indicate they have been physically abused by an angry partner (kicked, punched, choked, slapped, or hit).
 - By contrast, an alarming one out of three teens who had sex by age 14 (33%) say they have endured such beatings.
- More than one in three teens report that their partners wanted to know where they were (36%) and who they were with (37%) all the time.
 - Among teens who had sex by age 14, it's much higher (58% and 59%, respectively).

Tweens (11-14 year olds) in relationships report surprising, significant levels of abusive behavior in dating relationships.

- Nearly half of all tweens in relationships (47%) say they know friends who have been verbally abused (called stupid, worthless, ugly, etc.) by a boyfriend/girlfriend.
- One in five 13-14 year olds in relationships (20%) say they know friends and peers who have been struck in anger (kicked, hit, slapped, or punched) by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- Two in five 11-14 year olds in relationships (41%) know friends who have been verbally abused—called names, put down, or insulted—via cellphone, IM, social networking sites (like MySpace and Facebook), etc.

Source: Liz Claiborne Inc., Tech Relationship Abuse Survey, 2007

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Teens report dating abuse via technology is a serious problem.

Cellphone calls and texting at an unimaginable frequency – at all times of the day and night – are keeping teens who are in a relationship under constant control and surveillance.

- From 10 pm to midnight: Nearly one in three teens in a relationship (30%) say they've communicated with their partner via cellphone or texting 10 to 30 times hourly.
- From midnight to 5:00 AM: Nearly one in four teens in a relationship (24%) communicated with their partner via cellphone or texting *hourly* between midnight and 5:00 AM.