

Teen and Dating Violence Facts

Arizona

- Teen Lifeline reports that around 7% of calls they handle are about emotional, physical and sexual abuse in dating relationships, with callers as young as 14. (They receive roughly 4,000 calls per year – that's a little more than 5 calls about teen dating violence per week, on average.) 2006.
www.teenlifeline.org
- 51% of MAG teen focus group participants reported that they, or someone they knew, had been involved in a violent dating relationship. 2006.
www.WebofFriends.org

National

- Females aged 16-24 experience the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence.¹
- 54% of high school students report dating violence among their peers.²
- 45% of girls know a friend or peer who has been pressured into having either intercourse or oral sex.³
- Nearly 1 in 5 teen girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend had threatened violence or self harm if presented with a breakup.⁴
- Only 33% who have been in or known about an abusive relationship said they have told anyone about it.⁵

¹Rennison, Callie Marie and Sarah Welchans. 2003. *Intimate Partner Violence 1993-2001*. U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics. Washington, DC. Retrieved January 9, 2004. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/ipv01.htm>.

²Jaffe P, Sudermann M, Reitzel D, Killip S. An evaluation of a secondary school primary prevention program on violence in intimate relationships. *Violence and Victims* 1992; 7: 129-146.

³Teen Research Unlimited. 2005. Liz Claiborne, Inc. Omnibuzz Topline Findings. Teen Relationship Abuse Research. Retrieved September 19, 2006. <http://www.loveisnotabuse.com>.

⁴Rennison, Callie Marie and Sarah Welchans. 2003. *Intimate Partner Violence 1993-2001*. U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics. Washington, DC. Retrieved January 9, 2004. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/ipv01.htm>.

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