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Dating Violence

[The Center for Relationship Abuse](#)

[Awareness](#) (CRAA) defines relationship abuse as “a pattern of abusive and coercive behaviors used to maintain power and control over a former or current intimate partner. Abuse can be emotional, financial, sexual or physical and can include threats, isolation, and intimidation.” While dating violence occurs equally in both heterosexual and homosexual relationships, it is overwhelmingly perpetrated by men--which is why it is framed as a gendered issue. Women often get blamed for it, making them less likely to come forward to report the abuse (CRAA, 2018).



Warning Signs of Abuse

- Do you feel nervous around your partner?
- Do you have to be careful to control your behavior to avoid your partner's anger?
- Do you feel pressured by your partner when it comes to sex?
- Are you scared of disagreeing with your partner?
- Does your partner criticize you, or humiliate you in front of other people?
- Is your partner always checking up on you or questioning you about what you do without your partner?
- Does your partner repeatedly and wrongly accuse you of seeing or flirting with other people?
- Does your partner's jealousy stop you from seeing friends or family?
- Does your partner make you feel like you are wrong, stupid, crazy, or inadequate?
- Has your partner ever scared you with violence or threatening behavior?
- Does your partner throw or break objects to intimidate you?
- Does your partner make excuses for the abusive behavior?

<http://stoprelationshipabuse.org/educated/warning-signs-of-abuse>

Dating Violence Statistics

- In the United States, 20 people are physically abused per minute.
- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.
- 1 in 7 women and 1 in 18 men have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime.
- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- Women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.
- Only 34% of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.

[The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(NCADV\)](#) (n.d.)

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