

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

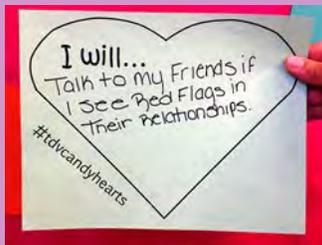
I can do something.



62% of tweens (ages 11-14) say they **know friends** who have been **verbally abused** (called stupid, worthless, ugly, etc.) by a boyfriend/girlfriend.¹



Nearly **ONE** in **TEN** teens reported they were hit, slapped or physically hurt **on purpose** by their boyfriend or girlfriend.²



1 #tdvcandyhearts

Pledge to stand up against dating abuse. It's easy. See bit.ly/tdvcandyhearts for more information.

2 #orange4love

Wear **orange** all month long or pick one day to wear orange shirts, nail polish, ribbons, hair extensions, face paint, shoelaces or anything else. Post your orange activities on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using the hashtags **#orange4love** and **#NYSorange**.



26% of youth (7th-12th graders) in a relationship said they experienced some form of **cyber dating abuse** in the prior year.³



Almost **40%** of teenagers were contacted by their partner electronically **10 to over 30** times an hour between 6 and 10 PM.⁴

3 #dontdonothing

All year long, choose to **speak up** against any acts of dating abuse you see, whenever you see it. Be an **active bystander**. If someone is being treated in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, **step in**. Think about telling **someone you trust**. When you see people targeting someone online, **don't ignore it**, at least change the subject. Speak up. **Don't Do Nothing.**

If you or a friend needs help:
NYS Domestic & Sexual Violence
Hotline: 1-800-942-6906
Respect Love, Love Respect
Love Is Respect
It's On US

Watch the video:
Bit.ly/ICanDoSomething

¹ Liz Claiborne, Inc., 2008. Tween and Teen Dating Violence and Abuse Study.

² MMWR Vol. 61/No. 4, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States 2011.

³ Zweig, Dank, Lachman, & Yahner, 2013. Technology, Teen Dating Violence and Abuse, and Bullying.

⁴ Liz Claiborne, Inc., 2007. Tech abuse in Teen Relationships.

