WHAT IS DATING ABUSE?

DATING ABUSE is a pattern of controlling behaviors that one person uses to gain and maintain control over their partner.

1 IN 3 TEENS IN THE U.S. IS A VICTIM OF ABUSE FROM A DATING PARTNER

TYPES OF ABUSE

SEXUAL
- UNWANTED OR FORCED SEXUAL CONTACT
- MAKING COMMENTS ABOUT BODY OR SEXUALITY

CULTURAL/IDENTITY
- Mocking a person’s faith, beliefs, or practice
- Controlling someone’s interests, clothing, and friends

PHYSICAL
- Kicking, hitting, biting, pushing, restraining someone
- Forcing someone to have any physical contact that they are uncomfortable with

EDUCATIONAL/FINANCIAL
- Demanding one person pays for everything
- Interfering with jobs or school work
- Controlling how one spends their money

VERBAL/EMOTIONAL
- Threats
- Insults
- Isolation
- Dictating how one should act

LOVE SHOULD BE SAFE

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