



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Young adult dating violence is a big problem, affecting youth in every community across the nation. One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner.

*Did you know in an abusive relationship, one partner gains & maintains power & control over the other through abusive behavior? The following are some examples of **ABUSIVE** behavior?*

- Hitting/Punching
- Possessiveness
- Not listening to "NO"
- Throwing things
- Jealousy
- Demanding online passwords
- Yelling/Shouting/Cursing
- Threatening suicide
- Looking through partners' phone

WHO CAN YOU TELL? Abuse is likely to reoccur and escalate as time goes on. **Tell an adult you trust!** A teacher, friend, parent – just be sure to tell someone. **You are NOT alone.**

Help spread awareness by participating in the nationwide orange-out this February. Wear orange on **February 14th** and get as many people as you can to wear something orange in honor of **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month** to promote respect and healthy relationships! Tell people why you are wearing it and post pictures and updates on social media using hashtags **#Orange4Love** and **#RespectWeek2017**.



Get additional resources at: liadv.org or loveisrespect.org