



## ***Loveisrespect/ National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline***

**What is your mission?** Our aim is to *create* the ultimate resource fostering healthy dating attitudes & relationship, *provide* a safe space for young people to access information & help in a milieu designed specifically for them, *ensure* confidentiality & trust so young people feel safe & supported online & off.

**What is your history?** Loveisrespect is a collaboration between the National Partnership to End Dating Violence & Break the Cycle. Originally known as the National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline, we launched in February 2007 with help from founding sponsor, Liz Claiborne, Inc. We are a national 24 hour resource designed for teens & young adults. We are accessible by phone, internet, text & e-mail.

**What services do you provide?** Through our various communication formats, we provide education on the warning signs of abuse, safety planning, navigating the legal system & the development of the next generation of leaders to end domestic violence. We offer resources for parents, teachers, helping professionals & community leaders.

**How can someone reach you?** Text "loveis" to 22522. Call 866-331-9474. Chat at [Loveisrespect.org](http://Loveisrespect.org)

## ***The National Domestic Violence Hotline\*\****

**What is your mission?** We are about providing life saving tools & immediate support to enable victims to find safety & live lives free of abuse.

**What is your history?** The Violence against Women Act of 1994 was the legislation that made it possible for us to exist. In Aug. 1995, we received a grant to fund the hotline. In Feb. 1996, we took our first call.

**What services do you provide?** We offer compassionate support, crisis intervention, information & referral services in 170 languages. Our website provides information on domestic violence, safety planning & local resources & a new chat line. We offer help to friends & family about how they can support a victim. We share insights about DV with government officials, law enforcement, media & the general public. We have advocates for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind & hard-of-hearing.

**How many victims do you serve annually?** We answer about 600 calls a day. Since going live in 1996, we have received over three million calls.

**What one piece of advice would you offer a victim?** Make a safety plan.

**What advice would you give to a friend or family member?** Be supportive. Listen. Be non-judgmental.

**How can someone reach you?** Contact us at 800-799-SAFE; online at [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org) or live chat (M-F 9A to 7P CST). Our deaf services include TTY @ 800-787-3224; videophone @ 855-812-1001 (M-F 9A to 5P EST) & online through Instant Messaging @ DeafHotline or e-mail @ [deafhelp@thehotline.org](mailto:deafhelp@thehotline.org)

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