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

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 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

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