

WHAT IS DATING ABUSE?

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Dating abuse is any behavior that one person uses in a relationship to gain and maintain control over their partner.

Dating abuse may include...

Emotional/verbal abuse

insults, name-calling, spreading rumors, stalking, threats

Physical abuse

hitting, kicking, biting, strangling, using weapons, throwing things

Sexual abuse

involuntary sex, rape, flirting with other people, refusing to use protection

Financial abuse

taking or spending money without permission, stealing possessions, disturbing someone at work or school

Identity abuse

making fun of, insulting, or using someone's religion, nationality, sexual orientation, gender, age, etc. against them

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Anyone can experience dating abuse...

whether you're a girl, guy, straight, queer, transgendered, athlete, musician, gamer, or A-list student.

Dating abuse happens to people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, religions, gender identities, and classes.