



## RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

“Teen dating violence,” as defined by Section 71.0021 of the Texas Family Code, is the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a dating relationship.

Relationships that have a lot of conflict or violence of any type (verbal, physical, emotional or sexual) are not healthy. If a little voice inside you is saying that something's not right in the relationship, listen! Talk with someone you trust, other than your boyfriend or girlfriend, about these concerns.

### **Are you going out with someone who:**

- Is jealous and possessive toward you, won't let you have friends, checks up on you, or won't accept breaking up?
- Tries to control you by being very bossy, giving orders, making all the decisions, and doesn't take your opinion seriously?
- Is scary, threatens you, uses or owns weapons?
- Is violent, has history of fighting, loses his/her temper quickly, or brags about mistreating others?
- Pressures you for sex, is forceful or scary about sex?
- Blames you when he/she mistreats you, saying you provoked him/her, pressed his/her buttons or made him/her do it?
- Has a history of bad relationships and always blames the other person for all the problems?
- Believes that men should be in control and powerful and women should be passive and submissive or vice versa?
- Your friends and family have warned you about and told you they are worried for your safety?

**THESE ARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF  
RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE.**