



INJURY SPOTLIGHT

Teen Dating Violence



The U-M Injury Center produces regular injury topic spotlights that include information about a Center member working on the topic, links to local and national resources, and an "Issues and Solutions" sheet.

Teen Dating Violence

April has been designated [National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month](#). For this month, the University of Michigan Injury Center is focusing on the prevention of teen dating violence (TDV).

TDV is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional violence within a dating relationship, including stalking. It can occur in person or electronically and might occur between a current or former dating partner.

Abusive or violent relationships can have severe consequences and negative effects on developing teens. Implementing effective prevention strategies with teens may help impact and reduce the future cycle of intimate partner violence among adults.

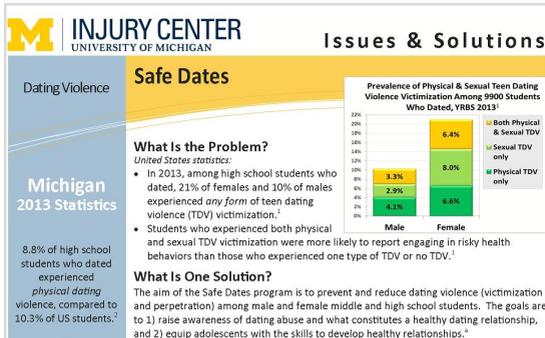
U.S. Statistics

- In 2013, among high school students who dated, 21% of females and 10% of males experienced *any form* of teen dating violence (TDV) victimization.¹
- Female students had a higher prevalence than male students of physical TDV, sexual TDV, both physical and sexual TDV and any TDV.¹
- Students who experienced both physical and sexual TDV victimization were more likely to report engaging in risky health behaviors than those who experienced one type of TDV or no TDV.¹

April Issues & Solutions Sheet

Our [Issues and Solutions series](#) provides information on priority injury topics, paired with evidenced-based prevention programs that practitioners can implement.

See this month's Issues & Solutions sheet on **Safe Dates** to learn more about one evidence-based adolescent dating violence prevention program.



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Member Highlight

Antonia Abbey, PhD



Dr. Abbey is a professor in the Department of Psychology at Wayne State University.

Her research focuses on understanding the causes of men's sexual aggression against women, with an emphasis on how alcohol interacts with personality, attitudes, and past experiences to increase some men's likelihood of being sexual aggressive. She is currently developing a virtual reality simulation that can be used in experimental studies.

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State & National Resources: Teen Dating Violence

Michigan

- [Success Stories: Ten Michigan Rape and Sexual Assault Prevention Education Programs](#). This report describes ten RSAPE programs carried out in Michigan from 2003 to 2005 and summarizes their internal evaluation efforts.
- [Michigan Department of Community Health—Sexual Violence Prevention Grantee Activities Fiscal Year 2010](#). This report captures the breadth and depth of sexual violence prevention grantee activities conducted throughout Michigan.

National

- [National Sexual Violence Resource Center \(NSVRC\)—Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#). Visit this website to find materials for the 2015 campaign including graphics, planning tools, and resources for engaging bystanders, on college campuses, and for teens and kids.
- [Children's Safety Network—Teen Dating Violence as a Public Health Issue](#). This fact sheet provides information and data on teen dating violence, describes evidence-informed interventions, offers examples of state efforts, and lists specific steps professionals can take to address this injury issue.
- [Dating Matters: Understanding Teen Dating Violence Prevention](#). This 60-minute, interactive training is designed to increase understanding of the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence.
- [Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships](#). CDC's teen dating violence prevention initiative focuses on 11 to 14-year olds in high-risk, urban communities and includes prevention strategies for individuals, peers, families, schools, and neighborhoods.
- [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System \(YRBSS\)](#). Monitors six types of health-risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability among youth and adults.
- [CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey \(NISVS\)](#). This ongoing, nationally-representative survey collects information on sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence victimization from adult women and men in the US.

Reference

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