Technology and Dating: Safety, Advocacy, and Awareness
What We’ll Cover

- Teen Dating Abuse Stats
- Safe Technology in Your Program?
- Technology for Outreach – the basics.
- Loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline
- HB 121
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17% say their partner has made them afraid not to respond to a cell phone call, email, IM or text message because of what he/she might do.

Nearly one in five teens in a relationship (19%) say that their partner has used a cell phone or the internet to spread rumors about them.

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The Need for a Helpline

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Your Relationship with Technology?

- Not on Speaking Terms
- Cordial Working Relationship
- Very Intimate
Why Do We, as Advocates, Need To Care About Technology?
Benefits of Technology For Victims & Advocates

- Phones
- Caller ID
- Texting
- Faxes
- Answering Machines
- Web & Internet

- Email
- IM & Chat
- Wireless
- TTY/Relay
- Cameras
- Computers
- Parental Monitoring

- Screen Reader
- Refreshable Braille Devices
- Speech Synthesizers
- Magnifiers
- Switches
- GPS
- PDAs
Survivors Posting Online

Beyond visiting our websites & emailing or IMing us, survivors also do the following:

- Post in online forums for information, support and resource sharing among survivors

- Create Websites to respond to sexual abuse: VictimPower, Perverted Justice, Catholic Church Scandal Archives, etc.

- Access online counseling websites and tools

- Post on Weblogs (blogs) to share stories & support each other

- Use gaming, photo sharing and other social networking sites
Assessment of Basic Technologies Within Your Program
caller id, cell phones, email
Caller ID Risks

- Reverse directories – **www.AnyWho.com**
- Your number is always available when calling toll free numbers (800, 888)
Caller ID Strategies

• Safety plan with victims/survivors around Caller ID

• Some creative Optional Phone Services can help victims protect privacy

• Have free line blocking on all lines & TEST fax, TTY, cell, home phones with someone who has Caller ID

• Have an organizational policy – what do staff do with anonymous call rejection or privacy manager?

• Have policy on survivors unblocking outgoing calls from advocacy center or shelter
Cell Phone Safety Issues

• Roaming coverage, multimode/dual mode

• ANALOG are very easy to intercept (strong transmitter; sound waves)

• DIGITAL are harder to intercept (less power used to send; bits of data)

• Can lose battery power or coverage in an emergency

• “Chirping” – using phone as walkie-talkie

• Cell phones as a listening device
  Silent Mode + Auto Answer = surveillance
Cell Phone Strategies

• Ask survivors if they use them

• If using cell phones to respond to hotline calls, use sparingly & avoid identifying details – only use digital phones whenever possible

• If abuser/perpetrator/stalker works for phone company or law enforcement... particularly risky – safety plan

• Phone donation programs – they are wonderful! The Wireless Foundation and Verizon Wireless donate working cell phones to programs for victims.
Advocate Email Use

- Never send client names or identifying information in email
- Discuss appropriate use of work email
- Learn about security for emailing to coworkers within your internal network vs to external consultants
Your Program Website

- Safety Message.
- Escape Button.
- Contact form.
- Cookies?
- Open forums?
What is the Purpose?

- Increasing Your Visibility
- Raising Awareness
- Fund Raising
- Connecting with Your Current Members
- Recruiting Volunteers, Interns & Supporters
Is Your Organization Ready?

- Technology Infrastructure
- Target Audiences & Communities
- Resources
  - Time, Funding & Technology Skills
- When do you need permission?
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National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

loveisrespect.org is the online home of the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline. We’re a community where you can find support and information to understand dating abuse. Call toll free 1-866-331-9474 or TTY 1-866-331-8453. more

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"Help end dating abuse today."

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Does Your Relationship Need a Makeover?
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Start a group focused on an issue.
Start a "page" for your org.
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loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline is a non-profit that provides crisis intervention and peer advocacy to teens that may be in abusive relationships. We also talk to concerned friends, parents, educators, etc.

You can reach one of our peer advocates by phone 24/7 at 1-866-331-9474 (TTY 1-866-331-8453) or by chat by visiting our website at www.loveisrespect.org

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Broadcast a message to all your friends!
In response to the rate of teen dating abuse through technology and the severe knowledge gap between parents and their teens, the National Domestic Violence Hotline joined with founding sponsor, Liz Claiborne to launch loveisrespect.org, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline (NTDAH).

loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline opened February 8, 2007
Advocates receive 40 hour training covering:

• Dating Abuse Education

• Crisis Intervention

• Safety Planning

• Monitoring calls with experienced advocates and practice calls/chats
This is an anonymous chat hosted behind our firewall. No log in or identification is required.

We use encryption software.

The ISP is deleted from the advocate view and no transcript of the session is created.
Chat pushes

The pushes are brief descriptors or points an advocate may type over and over again in chat sessions.

Pushes also included regularly given out referrals.

The pushes are kept brief so as to not interrupt the flow of conversation or sound “canned”.

Chat pushes
Safety Plan at School

"I have a boy at school who I have tried to break up with"

- He has grabbed/hit me in the past.
- He waits for me after some classes.
- I’ve told him I don’t want to be with him anymore.
- He knows how I get home. He follows me.

Safety Plan

- Get a friend to walk meet you after class.
- See about getting out of class early/late pass.
- Report incidents to the SRO.
- Send him and email and print it.
- Change how you go home.
- How to talk to school administrator.
“My boyfriend texts/calls all the time”

- He texts my 30-40 times an hour.
- He makes me text when I leave class.
- He left a message saying he would tell my mother/father we had sex.
- He won’t let me off the phone at night when I’m tired.

SAFETY PLAN

- Turn the phone off at night.
- Tell him your parents take your phone calls at 7pm.
- Save texts/messages, especially if they are threatening.
“He threatens/posts pictures of me on my MySpace page.”

- He threatened to kill me.
- He threatened/posted inappropriate pictures of me.
- He keeps track of me on my page.

SAFETY PLAN

- Document/Print screen shots
- Report via MySpace or Facebook.
- Block user.
- Ask friends to block him.
- Do not post personal info. Ask your friends to do the same.
- Report to police.
The Texas Legislature has passed, and Governor Perry has signed, an act requiring each school district in Texas to adopt and implement a dating violence policy.

Policies must include a definition of dating abuse and several compliance points.
• Teen Dating Violence is defined as 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, as defined by section 71.0021, Texas Family Code. Teen Dating violence is a pattern of coercive behavior that one partner exerts over the other for the purpose of establishing and maintaining power and control.
HB 121 - Compliance

- Address Safety Planning
- Enforcement of Protective Orders
- School-based alternatives to protective orders
- Counseling for affected students
- Awareness education for students and parents
- Training for Teachers and Administrators
What you/your program can do?

• Offer yourself as a resource to schools concerning HB 121 services.
• Survey tech safety within your program. Create policy if there isn’t one in place.
• Think about how to serve teens in your existing programs. Consider online outreach if your program is ready.
• Use NTDAH as a resource. Place our badge on your website.