



RED FLAGS Universal Teen Dating Violence Screen



Parents, coaches, teachers, counselors, advocates, and medical professionals, RED FLAGS is for you!

RED FLAGS is a youth-friendly tool that identifies teen dating violence early and provides safety resources. It can also help to promote healthy relationships. Use this screen with adolescents ages 12-19, even when signs of teen dating violence aren't present.

Indicator		Suggested Questions	
R	Relationship Status	Are you seeing/dating anyone? *Does your relationship seem like it got serious really fast? *How old were you when you started dating?	<input type="checkbox"/> Quick Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Dating an adult <input type="checkbox"/> Early dating at age 13 or younger.
	Respect, Resiliency and Rights in Relationships can be part of this screen or discussed separately as a way to talk with teens about building healthy relationships.		
	Respect	What are some ways you know you are being treated with respect or treating others with respect when you're dating? (i.e., Trust, communication, equal decision-making) See 2009 Love and Respect Toolkit, page 13, found at: http://nmgirlsinstitute.org/admin/upload/file/NM2009TDVToolkit.pdf	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't identify any respectful qualities.
	Resiliency	Name three things that make you feel strong when times are hard? (i.e., Talents, friendships, sports, interests in art, music, poetry, mentor to siblings) For tips on building resiliency and personal assets, go to: http://www.abtteen.com/	<input type="checkbox"/> Has trouble finding positive resiliency qualities.
Rights in Relationships	You have a right to a safe, healthy relationship. To learn more about your rights and responsibilities in relationships, check out the Dating Bill of Rights: http://www.dosomething.org/actnow/actionguide/teen-dating-bill-rights-and-pledge		
E	Emotional Abuse	Does your partner ever make you feel bad about yourself or put you down? Does your partner ever say hurtful things about the way you look or things that are important to you? Do you ever make your partner feel bad about themselves or put them down? Does your partner (do you) respect your (your partner's) right to privacy? Does your partner (do you) break things that are special to get what they (you) want? TECHNOLOGICAL (TECH) ABUSE: *Do you ever feel like your partner texts you too much? *Has your partner ever shared anything private about you on MySpace, Twitter, Facebook, or forwarded private texts to people without your permission? BIRTH CONTROL SABOTAGE: What happens when you tell your partner: You want to use a condom? You are using birth control? *Don't want to have sex?	<input type="checkbox"/> Low or no self-esteem or self-worth. <input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts of dying related to abuse. <input type="checkbox"/> Invading privacy. <input type="checkbox"/> Destroying personal property. <input type="checkbox"/> Forced "Sexting," or sex text messaging. <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive texting. <input type="checkbox"/> Cyber stalking. <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure to have sex or get pregnant. <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Assault.
	Educational Sabotage	Does your partner (do you) cause "drama" or try to stop you (your partner) from going to school, doing homework, or participating in sports or other extra-curricular activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Stopping going to or doing well in school.

D	Drug and Alcohol Use	<p>Do you ever feel worried or scared when your partner drinks or uses drugs? *Has your partner ever hurt or scared you when they drink or use drugs? *Have you ever scared or hurt anyone when you're drinking or using? *Do you ever find yourself drinking or using to cope with abuse or anger?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Increase in alcohol or drug use. ■ Expresses fear. ■ Feelings of depression.
F	Friends and Family	<p>Does your partner support you spending time with your friends or family? *Does your partner (do you) text or call repeatedly when you (your partner) are spending time with friends or family? *Do friends and family say they disapprove of or are worried about your relationship?</p> <p>*Does your partner seem to know where you are or what you're doing at all times? *Do you check up on your partner when you are away from them?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Isolation from family and friends. ■ Friends and family dislike partner. ■ Friends think abuse is normal. ■ Stalking.
L	Lethality or Dangerousness	<p>If teen's responses are RED FLAGS, or answered yes to any question with an asterisk (*), this means that they may be at risk for serious, and potentially deadly teen dating violence. It's time to ask more questions that help you know whether you need to do more as an adult to increase their safety! (See "A")</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Multiple RED FLAGS! ■ "Yes" to any * question.
A	Anger	How does your partner act when they are angry or arguing with you? Or, How do you act when you are angry or arguing with your partner?	■ Explosive anger.
	Arguments	Have your arguments gotten worse lately?	■ Escalation.
	Aggression	Does your partner (do you) ever act aggressively or violently in an argument?	■ History of witnessing domestic violence or being violent to past partners.
	Abuse History	Does your partner (do you) have a history of being abused or acting abusively to others?	
	Access to Weapons	Does your partner (do you) have any weapons? Has your partner (do you) ever threaten to use a weapon?	■ Access to guns, knives or other weapons.
	Animal Cruelty	Does your partner (do you) threaten to or hurt animals when angry or want to scare someone?	■ Killing or torturing animals.
	Attempts or Threats to Harm Self or Others	Has your partner (have you) ever tried or talked about hurting themselves (yourself) or others to deal with jealousy, anger or when facing a breakup?	■ History of suicidal thoughts or attempts.
G	Give Youth-Centered Resources	Give teen youth-centered local and national resources to learn more about teen dating violence and ways to be safe, including Love and Respect Toolkit : http://nmgirlsinstitute.org/admin/upload/file/NM2009TDVToolkit.pdf and National Dating Abuse Hotline : 1.866.331.9474, or #HOPE from Verizon Cells: www.LoveisRespect.org	
S	Safety Plan	If RED FLAGS are present, help teen to develop a <u>youth-specific</u> safety plan that addresses all the risk areas. For a Teen Safety Plan , go to: http://www.women-law.org/documents/Safety%20Plan%20for%20Teens.pdf	