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## Teens: Is it Abuse or Not? Take the Quiz

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Two Minutes has featured stories on unhealthy teen dating relationships for the past two weeks. The subject is a concern as nearly 40 percent of girls will experience this type of union, says Joan Ostrander, community educator for Rape Crisis of the Southern Tier.

Ostrander provides a quiz to help teenagers recognize the danger signs:

### 1) Dating violence is:

- a. Controlling, abusive, aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship
- b. Does not really happen to teens
- c. Abusive behavior that only happens to girls
- d. None of the above

### 2) Which of the following could be considered a sign of relationship abuse?

- a. My boyfriend didn't call me last night
- b. My boyfriend called me a slut in front of his friends because of the clothes and makeup I was wearing
- c. My boyfriend forgot our anniversary
- d. None of the above

### 3) Which of the following is considered a crime?

- a. Robbery
- b. Rape
- c. Relationship violence
- d. All of the above

### 4) What kinds of behavior could be considered relationship abuse?

- a. Keeping someone away from their friends or family
- b. Calling someone names

- c. Controlling what someone wears
- d. All of the above

**5) When someone touches you or kisses you and you do not want it, it is called:**

- a. Physical abuse
- b. Sexual abuse
- c. Controlling
- d. None of the above

**6) I think a friend of mine might be in a violent relationship. What should I do?**

- a. Take her shopping
- b. Talk to her, ask her if everything is OK in a calm, nonjudgmental way
- c. Have your boyfriend beat up her boyfriend
- d. Mind your own business

**7) What can you do when you end a violent relationship, but your ex-boyfriend keeps trying to see you?**

- a. Explain your situation to an adult you trust
- b. Avoid situations where you might see your ex
- c. Call the police if you are threatened or if you feel afraid
- d. All of the above

Answer key: 1) a, 2) b, 3) d, 4) d, 5) b, 6) b, 7) d.

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