

When you see a **RED FLAG**, say something.



Many people want the support and companionship that comes with being in a relationship. But not every relationship is healthy or positive. In fact, dating violence happens in 1 out of every 5 college relationships.¹

Sometimes it takes a friend to see that one person is being hurt and the relationship is unhealthy. As friends, we have a responsibility to watch out for each other.

That's why when you see a **RED FLAG**, say something.

Look at the examples below to see how your friends are doing in their relationships:

SIGNS OF A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP When each person...

RED FLAGS FOR DATING VIOLENCE When a person...

COMMUNICATION

- Shares thoughts and ideas
- Is a good listener
- Uses respectful language and gestures – even in disagreement

JEALOUSY

- Calls his/her partner over and over again
- Gets angry when her/his partner spends time with other people

TRUST

- Is honest and accountable to partner
- Is dependable
- Believes partner

EMOTIONAL ABUSE AND VICTIM BLAMING

- Uses derogatory language to describe his/her partner
- Constantly finds fault with his/her partner
- Makes partner feel bad about herself/himself

CONNECTION

- Has support from friends and family
- Feels there are other people to rely on besides partner

ISOLATION

- Makes her/his partner “pay” for spending time with other people
- Persuades his/her partner to give up activities he/she enjoys
- Makes all the decisions in the relationship

BALANCE

- Has equal decision-making power with partner
- Is able to “give” and “take” in the relationship

COERCION

- Ignores her/his partners wishes or needs
- Manipulates or forces partner to do something against his/her will

SAFETY

- Is emotionally supportive and encouraging
- Is peaceful

PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL ABUSE

- Grabs or pushes partner
- Throws or breaks objects
- Forces his/her partner to have sex or do sexual things

To find out more, visit TheRedFlagCampaign.org

If you or a friend is dealing with an unhealthy relationship, call **THE VIRGINIA FAMILY VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE** at **1.800.838.8238** (v/tty). It's FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, and operates 24 HOURS A DAY.

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¹ Source: (21% of students reported violence by a current partner). C. Sellers and M. Bromley, "Violent Behavior in College Student Dating Relationships," Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, (1996).

