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Teen Violence and Domestic Abuse: Resources

Resources and Information to Spot Signs of Abuse and Help Prevent Domestic Violence

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After months of silence, pop star [Rihanna speaks out about domestic violence](#) and the February 2009 ordeal that led to the arrest of ex-boyfriend Chris Brown. Rihanna believes she can be a voice to help others who may be in danger of returning to an abusive partner, warning young girls not to repeat her mistakes.



Music superstar Rihanna sits down with Diane Sawyer revealing publicly for the first time what... (I da Astute/ABC News)

"It's completely normal to go back. It's not right. I learned the hard way, but again, this is what I want people to know," Rihanna told Diane Sawyer in an exclusive interview. "When I realized that my selfish decision for love could result in some young girl getting killed, I could not be easy with that part. I couldn't be held responsible for going back."

About one in three adolescent girls will have been in a physically abusive relationship by the time she graduates from high school, according to recent studies. Check out these resources for ways to stop domestic violence among teens and women.

Teen Dating Violence Resources:

• **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline:**
866-331-9474

• **Love Is Respect:** This Web site and the help line is geared toward people in their teens and early 20s, as well as their parents.

• **Love is Not Abuse:** Teen dating violence information and resources sponsored by Liz Claiborne. Its campaign seeks to inform young women about what steps they can take to prevent domestic abuse.

• **Break the Cycle:** A national organization dedicated to supporting young people and combating teen violence.

• **See It and Stop It:** This Web site is dedicated to helping teens recognize warning signs of dating violence, and to speak out.

• **Do Something:** This national organization seeks to empower youth to take action on causes they care about, including fighting teen dating abuse.

Domestic Abuse Resources:

• **National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE**

• **The Nicole Brown Simpson Foundation:** The nonprofit and advocacy group raises awareness against domestic violence surrounding women.

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