CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Are any of your friends dating? What are their relationships like? What would you want in a partner?
- Have you witnessed any unhealthy relationships at school? How does that make you feel?
- Do you know what you would do if you witnessed or experienced abuse?
- Would it be weird if someone you were dating texted you all day to ask you what you're doing?

RESOURCES

LOVEISRESPECT.ORG
Online quizzes, safety planning, and resources for teens

COPELINE
24/7 Crisis Management Hotline
1.888.285.5665

NATIONAL CRISIS TEXT LINE
Text "HOME" to 741741

LAKE COUNTY COMPASS LINE
M - F 8:30 am -4:30 pm
440.350.2000

WOMENSafe.ORG
Information and resources on teen dating violence

TALKING TO YOUR TEEN ABOUT DATING VIOLENCE
PRESENTED BY WOMENSafe
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**STARTING THE CONVERSATION**

Even if your teen isn't dating, talking to them can prevent future abuse. Ask your teen about their friends' relationships. Use TV, news, and social media to point out healthy/unhealthy characteristics. Have an open, non-judgmental discussion about dating.

**RED FLAGS TO LOOK FOR**

- Depression/anxiety
- Partner texts excessively
- Begins to dress differently
- Spends all of their time with their partner
- Stops hanging out with their friends
- Partner has access to phone passwords, online logins, etc.
- Partner is extremely jealous or possessive
- Unexplained injuries