



Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, & Human Trafficking

6th Grade Presentation

Types of Abuse

Physical Abuse - involves actions that cause physical harm to another person

Emotional/Mental Abuse - involves attitudes or controlling behaviors that harm a person's mental and emotional health

Financial Abuse - the use of money to show power in a relationship



Examples of Abuse

Preventing someone from seeing their family	Saying, "I did nothing wrong. You're just crazy."	Making hurtful jokes or putting someone down
Hurting or threatening to hurt someone	Trying to scare someone	Using money to make someone do what you want



Child Abuse & Neglect

Child abuse refers to any intentional act an adult commits that causes harm or threatens to cause harm to a child.

Neglect occurs when an adult fails to meet a child's basic physical, emotional, medical, or educational needs. Neglect also includes the failure to protect a child from harm.



Signs of Child Abuse & Neglect

Type of Abuse	Signs
Physical Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Injuries, such as broken bones or severe bruises• Many injuries on different parts of the body• Several injuries that occurred at different times
Emotional/Mental Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Withdrawn attitude and unwillingness to talk to others• Anxiety and worry• Difficulty sleeping• Aggressive behavior
Neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Underweight• Poor physical development• Lack of cleanliness



Signs of Dating Violence

It could be dating violence if your partner...

gets upset when you spend time with others	does not take responsibility for actions	blames you or uses emotions to manipulate you
gets angry easily, gets violent, or tries to scare you during conflicts	puts you down and does not listen to your concerns	pressures you or does not respect your boundaries



Signs of Human Trafficking

- Unexplained, regular school absences
- Running away from home
- Regular travel
- Bruises or other physical injuries
- Lack of control over schedule
- Hunger
- Sudden changes in behavior or hygiene
- Dodging questions or lying
- Dating an older person
- Lack of concentration
- Anxiety, anger, and depression



What to Do If You Experience Violence

- If someone in a relationship uses or threatens you with violence, **tell a parent or trusted adult** and get out of the relationship as soon as possible. There is no excuse for violent behavior.
- If you witness or suspect violence of any kind, **tell a parent or trusted adult**.
- If you are tempted to act violently, get out of the situation and **talk to a parent or trusted adult**.
- If you experience violence, get medical help for any physical injuries, and **report the violence to a trusted adult, such as a parent or guardian, school official, or the police**.



Violence Prevention

- Do not pick up a gun or other weapon. Report unsecured guns or weapons to a **parent or trusted adult**.
- Practice safety when home alone or in public places.
 - Lock the doors and windows at home
 - Do not give out your personal information
 - Do not speak to strangers on social media
- If you are tempted to act violently, **seek help from a parent or trusted adult**.
- **Talk to a parent or trusted adult** if you witness any threats or violent behavior.



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