

MARSHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
“POLICE PLAIN TALK”
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TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Dating violence or abuse affects one in three teens. Dating violence is defined as controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a relationship.

Dating violence is not just physical. Examples of controlling behavior are:

- Not letting you hang out with your friends.
- Obsessive calling or texting.
- Telling you what or what not to wear.
- Trying to keep you away from your family.
- Extreme possessiveness.
- Electronic harassment.

Verbal and emotional abuse/blackmail may include:

- Name calling.
- Jealous behavior.
- Degrading comments.
- Threatening to hurt you, your family, and himself or herself if you don't do what he or she wants.

Understand that being a victim of abuse is not your fault, and the longer you stay in the abusive relationship, the more violent it will become. Talk with your parents, a counselor, or someone you can trust for help. If you know someone that is in an abusive relationship, talk to the person or tell someone.

Remember no one is justified in attacking or harassing you. Don't put up with abuse, you deserve better.

TEXTING TIP LINE

The Marshfield Police Department, Wood County Crime Stoppers, and the Marshfield Area Coalition for Youth have created the “Texting Tip Line”. The texting tip line gives children and adults the ability to text in tips of alcohol, drug, and criminal violations while remaining completely anonymous and being eligible for a cash reward. Just dial **274637** (CRIMES) and begin your text message with the key word **WCCS**. There is the potential of receiving a reward if the information proves credible and results in a successful investigation or arrest.

Wood County Crimes Stoppers has also created a page through Facebook. Please “Like” Crime Stoppers and refer back to get the latest news and to assist law enforcement in identifying suspects of various crimes.

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INTERNET SAFETY AND CYBER BULLYING

The internet can be a great tool for obtaining information and communicating with others. As with any tool, there are safety tips to ensure you have a positive experience.

- Never give out personal information online.
- Never respond to messages from someone you do not know.
- Parents should closely monitor their children’s internet use.
- Evaluate the web site’s purpose. Are they trying to sell, inform, or persuade.
- Report incidents of online harassment or other crimes to the police.

You can reduce your risk of being victimized online by using common sense.

Cyber bullying involves children who threaten, harass, humiliate, embarrass, or otherwise target another child using the internet, interactive and digital technologies, or mobile phones. The methods used are limited only by the child’s imagination and access to technology.

There are two kinds of cyber bullying: (1) direct attacks, which are messages sent directly to the child; and (2) cyber bullying by proxy, which involves others helping the cyber bully, either with or without their knowledge to attack the victim.

Kids cyber bully for various reasons such as anger, revenge, frustration, boredom, entertainment, or just have too much time on their hands and too many tech toys available to them. Most deliberate cyber bullying is done to torment the victim.

Cyber bullying may result in a person losing their internet or instant messaging provider due to service violations. It may also result in a child being charged with a law violation.

We need to take a stand against cyber bullying. If you or someone you know is being cyber bullied, you need to tell an adult such as a parent, school teacher or other school official, other trusted adult, or police officer. Cyber bullying is painful—do not ignore that pain or let it build within you. TELL SOMEONE!

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