



# #9739

## THE DARK SIDE OF DATING: GOSSIP, HURT AND RISKS

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Grade Levels: 7-13+

18 minutes



### DESCRIPTION

Teens cover the dangers and potential negative aspects of dating. Looks at gossip, pressure to have sex, practicing refusal skills, and the risks of sex. Emphasizes the danger of using drugs and/or alcohol on a date, being aware of date-rape drugs, and most critically, standing firm with personal convictions.

### ACADEMIC STANDARDS

#### Subject Area: Health

- ★ Standard: Understands the relationship of family health to individual health
  - Benchmark: Understands the responsibilities inherent in dating relationships, marriage, and parenthood (See Instructional Goals #1, 2, and 3.)

### INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

1. To examine the dangers and negative aspects of dating.
2. To present various issues of teen intimacy and sex.
3. To illustrate how students can make dating choices.

### VOCABULARY

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| 1. abstinence         | 9. pressure                      |
| 2. confidential       | 10. relationship                 |
| 3. consent            | 11. reputation                   |
| 4. discretion         | 12. risks                        |
| 5. facial expressions | 13. Rohypnol                     |
| 6. gossip             | 14. sexually transmitted disease |
| 7. mixed signals      | 15. vague                        |
| 8. potential          |                                  |

## BEFORE SHOWING

1. Discuss potential problems in dating.
2. Brainstorm ways to have a good, safe dating experience.

## AFTER SHOWING

### ► Discussion Items and Questions

1. What is gossip? Why is gossip harmful?
2. Why is group dating often safer for first dates?
3. What can a person do to help deal with pressure? How can you make dating a positive experience?
4. What is the meaning of the phrase, "No means no"? What is an example of saying no in a vague way? What is an example of saying no clearly?
5. If someone thinks they've been a victim, what should they do?
6. Why are drugs and alcohol dangerous on a date? What is a date rape drug?
7. What are the risks of sexual intimacy and dating? What can result from unprotected sex? What are common STDs?
8. How can a person be sexually responsible? What is the one way to be 100 % safe from the risks of sex?
9. Who can you talk to about dating? What can you do ahead of time to prepare yourself for dating?

### ► Applications and Activities

1. Research teen dating topics. Create brochures, posters, or presentations to share with other teenagers.
  - a. abstinence
  - b. age of consent
  - c. alcohol and drugs
  - d. birth control
  - e. date rape drugs
  - f. gossip
  - g. peer pressure
  - h. sexual assault
2. Invite a counselor to the class. Consider how to make dating fun and safe, what to be aware of, and who to go to for advice or help.
3. Brainstorm how communication issues may influence dating issues between deaf and hearing teenagers.

## RELATED RESOURCES



- [Love – All That & More: Part 1: What Do You Want? #9562](#)
- [Love – All That & More: Part 2: Let's Talk About Sex #9561](#)
- [Love – All That & More: Part 3: Putting It All Together #9563](#)
- [Red Flags: Avoiding Abusive Relationships #3647](#)



## World Wide Web

The following Web sites complement the contents of this guide; they were selected by professionals who have experience in teaching deaf and hard of hearing students. Every effort was made to select accurate, educationally relevant, and “kid safe” sites. However, teachers should preview them before use. The U.S. Department of Education, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Captioned Media Program do not endorse the sites and are not responsible for their content.

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- **TEEN ADVICE ON-LINE**

<http://www.teenadviceonline.org/>

This site provides support for teenage problems through a network of peers (ages 13 and up) from around the globe. Includes an extensive section on dating.

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- **TEEN ADVICE**

<http://teenadvice.about.com/mbody.htm>

This site includes peer, expert, and medical advice on all teen-related topics including dating, sex, friendship, love, abstinence, STDs, and date rape.

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- **LOVE IS NOT ABUSE**

<http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/home.asp>

A comprehensive site about dating violence geared towards teens that includes an interactive quiz, resources, information, and a fictional story.