

# SLAPSHOT



You're in the hallway between classes. You see a couple you know arguing, then you see the guy push his girlfriend into her locker. The guy isn't a close friend of yours, and neither is the young woman, but you do hang around with the same group of people. Nobody else is doing anything.

## TRAIN OF THOUGHT

This is an ugly situation..... This guy is being *real rough* with this *girl*.... I wonder what's going on?.....  
*Should I say something?* But if nobody else is stepping in, why should I?.....If I say something, he might come after me.....Am I ready to get into a *fight*, if it comes to that?.....What if he's got *a weapon?*.....Besides, if he treats her like that and she stays with him, who am I to *get involved?* Is it any of my business?...But if I don't do something, I'm saying *it's okay* for a guy to abuse a young woman.  
*What should I do* in this situation?

## OPTIONS

- ❶ Nothing. It's none of my business.
- ❷ Attempt to distract the couple somehow, maybe by talking loudly, in order to defuse the situation.
- ❸ Shout out something so that everyone in the hallway hears, like "Hey, what are you doing? Leave her alone!" and stick around to make sure the situation has "cooled" down.
- ❹ Talk to the girl at some point and let her know I saw what was going on and am willing to help her.
- ❺ Do nothing immediately. But as soon as possible, that day or later, I should make a point of talking to the guy and suggesting he get some counseling to deal with his abusive behavior.
- ❻ Talk to my parents, a guidance counselor, the school social worker, a teacher, or the school nurse, and ask their advice on what to do.
- ❼ Personal Option: \_\_\_\_\_  
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