

Bystander Intervention Scenarios

Scenario 1—Tucker and Earl

Tucker is one of the best players on the soccer team and Earl is one of the smaller, younger players. In the locker room after practice, Tucker tries to get other guys to call him “Earl the Girl.” Earl tries to get away. A few other guys changing nearby laugh loudly. They yell “Hey Earl-y girly!” while smacking Earl on the butt. Conner is the team captain and a friend of Tucker’s. He laughs uncomfortably and shakes his head.

Scenario 2—Carly and Jeff

Carly and Jeff have been dating for 5 weeks. Carly is really popular and Jeff is new to the school. Carly calls Jeff names like “hillbilly,” “idiot farmboy,” and “country bumpkin.” She told her best friends that Jeff has to report to her every hour via text. They also know that she made him delete all his female friends on social media. Jeff tried to break up with Carly last week but she threatened to hurt herself. They stayed together.

Scenario 3—Dave and Easton

Dave is a transgender guy in a senior grade. Students have been very supportive of his gender transition. One day, Dave and his friend Easton (who is a cisgender guy) go to the main office for permission slips. The staff gives Easton a slip but refuses Dave, saying, “Oh, young lady. Dave is no name for a nice girl like you. Look at those pretty curves! That pretty smile!” Dave leaves the main office feeling embarrassed and infuriated. Easton and other students in the office stare in shock.

Scenario 4—Stewart and Massey

Stewart and Massey have been dating for a few weeks. They are known in the school as the first publicly gay couple. Stewart shows his friends private pictures that Massey sends him. He says it is a “public service” since “Massey is too cute not to share.” Stewart made his friends promise that they would not tell Massey. Stewart’s older sister (who identifies as straight) found out that he has been showing off private photos of Massey. She really likes Massey and does not want her brother to ruin a good relationship.

Scenario 5—Trina

As the prom approaches, there is a rumour in a private social media group that some senior students are going to try to get Trina drunk and then take her somewhere private. It is not explicit what will happen after that. Trina does not have many friends and is not well-liked by many students. About 15 people have been invited into the private group.