# Is it time to **PUT THE BRAKES ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP?**

OPEN COMMUNICATION TRUST HONESTY RESPECT OPINIONS

## **GREEN LIGHT (healthy relationship)**

### Relationships are based on equality and respect

- Make decisions together
- Openly discuss challenges
- Enjoy spending time together or apart

## YELLOW LIGHT (unhealthy relationship)

## Relationships are based on attempts to control the other person

- One person tries to make most of the decisions
- One person pressures their partner about sex
- One person does not see how their actions can be hurtful
- Pressure to spend time only with your partner

## **RED LIGHT (abusive relationship)**

Relationships are based on power and control

BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION PRESSURE DISHONESTY INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR



THREATS

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- One person makes all of the decisions about sexual choices, friends and boundaries
- Pressure to spend all free time together
- Playing mind games by making you feel guilty or crazy
- Afraid to talk about what is really happening in the relationship
- Living in fear because of threats or acts of physical violence
- Having things destroyed

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