

## A sample letter to the editor

*Note: Before writing a Letter to the Editor, you'll want to check with the newspaper about submission guidelines. In most cases, newspapers will limit the length of letters and require contact information for verification purposes. Please review their policies regarding their editing and publishing practices. Below, is a sample letter:*

### ***Let's talk about it!***

Dear Editor,

For many, it is not easy to talk about sex, let alone sexual abuse and rape. But let's take a moment and get past the blushing, because this conversation is so important.

By talking about "it" we are making the connection that promoting healthy behaviors encourages relationships that are consensual and respectful. I am using my voice to talk about sexual abuse and rape in my community. I urge parents, families, and organizations to talk about what they need to do to make our communities safer for children. I urge adults to find ways to get involved and learn the scope of sexual abuse. We know it takes a lot of strength to come forward.

Let's be positive role models and do something to end these crimes. Individuals need accurate information about relationships, sexuality and positive behaviors to ensure the opportunity to make healthy sexual choices. These choices impact our lives, loved ones and communities.

All of us have a role in building safe, healthy relationships and communities. Talking is our first step to making that happen. Let's create opportunities to talk about "it" with our families, in our relationships, at our schools, and in our workplaces.

It's time to talk about it.

Your name here,  
Your city here