

Scripts for That's Not Cool "Interruptive Stunts"



That's Not Cool has created three different scripts that you can perform in your community to raise awareness about the campaign and teen dating violence prevention. Our scripts highlight topics such as controlling behavior, violating someone's privacy, and pressuring someone for naked pictures. During our peer to peer marketing efforts, we took to the streets and performed "interruptive stunts" in locations where there were a high number of teens out and about. These locations included shopping malls, skate parks, parades, and music concerts. We had two team members act out each script, which all depict an argument between two teens in a relationship. At the end of each script, the two team members performing, in conjunction with their incognito counterparts, stage a reveal in which they display That's Not Cool t-shirts and shout "That's Not Cool!" After this reveal, the actors engage the audience and explain the campaign.

There are many different ways that you and your team can use these scripts, and we encourage you to get creative! A team in Connecticut decided that they would "rent" a place to perform by putting money in a parking meter and conducting their stunt in the middle of town. Another group of teens from Los Angeles acted out their stunts during lunch time in their school's cafeteria! Of course it's important that your team rehearse their script before they perform; but here are some other things to keep in mind:

- When performing these stunts, your actors are sure to really get into the moment. It's important that they understand that pushing, hitting, or shoving has no place in any relationship, and no place in this stunt.
- Mix it up a little. Just because we have assigned "male" or "female" to our Nemesis and Hero characters doesn't mean you have to. These stunts can be performed by any combination of people, and we encourage you to explore those options.
- You may not be able to spontaneously perform, but you can still deliver a message and have fun by using these scripts in more structured ways. They can be used in a classroom setting as a role play, or to stimulate conversation; similarly you can perform them during a school assembly to draw attention to the issue.
- Most importantly, be prepared. Individuals may approach you wanting to share a similar story. It's important to listen, but be sure to also refer them to www.thatsnotcool.com where they can find answers to their questions, figure out how to get help, and talk to someone who has experience with the issue.

Check out some video footage of interruptive stunts in Los Angeles and New York at the That's Not Cool You Tube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/thatsnotcool>

PHONE ABUSE – CONTROLLING

MALE - HERO (*Almost yelling*)

What is wrong with you?

GIRL - NEMESIS (*Yelling*)

What's wrong with you, all I've been trying to do is get a hold of you and you haven't been picking up your phone. I told you when I call - you answer my call (demanding).

HERO (*Almost yelling*)

We are not together anymore and even if we were, if you call and I don't pick up, it's probably because I'm doing something and just busy. Just give me a little space.

GIRL - NEMESIS (*Yelling*)

I never agreed to our break up and that's not the point! You still need to take my call. I don't care what's going on. It's just rude to not pick up the phone when you see my phone number in the caller ID.

MALE - HERO (*Yelling*) (*Addressing individuals in the crowd*)

She keeps texting me and calling me and I have no interest in talking to her. We are no longer together. Have you ever dealt with something like this? This is unbelievable!!!

GIRL - NEMESIS (*Yelling*) (*Cuts their conversation off in a rude manner*)

Don't ask them anything; this is about you and me. I know you told me that it's over, but I don't care what you want. I can make this relationship work by myself.

MALE - HERO (*Yelling*)

That's controlling and "THAT'S NOT COOL" (*Yelled by entire team*)

Cue INTERACTivists

PROFILE ABUSE - SAME GENDER - PRIVACY

NEMESIS (*Yelling*)

Tina, Tina, where you going, why are you walking away from me?

HERO (*Yelling*)

Please stop yelling my name so loudly, I'm really okay and I actually have nothing to say to you.

NEMESIS (*Yelling*)

Just tell me why you are so pissed off.

HERO (*Yelling*)

I have told you now 6 times in 6 different ways. We talked about it as a "what if someone broke into your profile?" Then we saw it happen in that movie to that guy and after the movie I told you that would be IT for any relationship I was in. I mean, why are you shocked that I'm upset?

NEMESIS (*Yelling*)

What's the BIG deal? It's not like I stole something from you, or kicked your cat. I just thought I would let you know how I felt for you.

HERO (*Yelling*)

Are you kidding me? Seriously, are you joking right now? You call changing my profile status from single to in a relationship No Big Deal? Is that how you show affection? I'm so not feeling that... That's not cute to me!!!

NEMESIS (*Yelling*)

Why are you so pissed, what harm did it do? You shouldn't have left the computer on and your profile page up. Besides all of your friends are my friends and know how I feel for you.

HERO (*Yelling*)

First off, you had no right to go into my profile. If you saw my account open, the right thing to do is just signoff and keep it moving! To go as far as changing my status and pictures is like reading my diary! Those sites have pass codes for a reason.

HERO (*Yelling*)

You don't respect my PRIVACY - "THAT'S NOT COOL" (Yelled by entire team)

Cue INTERACTivists

PRIVACY ISSUE (NUDE PIC) - PRESSURE

NEMESIS (*Slightly yelling*)

Hey listen, don't send the stupid picture if you don't want to! I knew that you were stuck up.

HERO (*Yelling*)

You don't get it and I can totally tell by your attitude. (Screaming) - Why do you want me to send you nude pics anyway?

NEMESIS (*Yelling*)

What are you talking about? SHHH... Why are you yelling?

HERO (*Yelling*)

Why Huh? WHY? You don't want all these people to know that you been asking me to email you a nude pic since we danced at Jay's party? At first when you asked, I thought it was kinda cute, but You have not stopped asking, even though I have said no, like a 1000 times.

NEMESIS (*Slightly yelling*)

Not really, I, I, I, I, I'm not trippin about it and I told you that it's cool. It's just a picture and there are thousands of them on the Internet. You acting like this will show up on MTV's home page or something.

HERO (*Yelling*)

I can't believe you! You just basically pressured me to get the picture. This is SO freaking embarrassing and you're acting like a real jerk. What if my older brother sees that picture, I know that he would take that right to my dad and that would be it.

You're using PRESSURE - "THAT'S NOT COOL" (*Yelled by entire team*)

Cue INTERACTivists