Subject: Re: Some IRL Drama just went down; your thoughts? Posted by reborn on Tue, 10 Aug 2010 08:39:32 GMT

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It's just not a good idea to go in and kick the crap out of the dude, or threaten him, push him out the house...

I wouldn't like to see my daughter at the age of 16 with some 20 year old. Nor would I like to see her doing pills, either.

However, if I caught her, then I would try to remain calm, no matter how much I wanted to go ape shit.

I wouldn't take the attitude of "Well, it's gonna happen, so why even bother trying to stop her?", that's just bad parenting.

But rushing in with a baseball bat is going to make things worse.

She'll think I don't understand her, that I am judging her badly, that I don't trust her, that I don't want her to be happy etc etc so on and so forth... I would be alienating her.

But in her mind, who do you think will understand her? The 20 year old dousche bag trying to sleep with her! She'll turn to him for love, affection and understanding...

It's not a case of "oh well, let her get on with it", it's making sure you deal with the situation delicately to get the desired outcome (i.e the horny 20 year old is ancient history, along with her thoughts of repeating the same mistake again).

I'm not interested in making myself feel better by saying to myself "Least I taught that kid a lesson!", because really, it's the wrong kid, and the wrong lesson. I'm only interested in my daughters well-being.