Teen Violence

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Also called: Youth violence

Teen violence refers to harmful behaviors that can start early and continue into young adulthood. The young person can be a victim, an offender, or a witness to the violence.

Violent acts can include

- Bullying
- Fighting, including punching, kicking, slapping, or hitting
- Use of weapons such as guns or knives

Some violent acts can cause more emotional harm than physical harm. Others can lead to serious injury or even death.

An important risk factor for violence in teens is the behavior of their friends and classmates. You should know who your kids hang out with and encourage healthy behavior and relationships.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Start Here

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Spanish/Comprendiendo_el_Comportamiento_Violento_de_Ninos_y_Adolescentes_55.aspx]

Overviews

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.apa.org/centrodeapoyo/advertencia.aspx]

Latest News


Diagnosis/Symptoms

- Children’s Threats: When Are They Serious? [http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Childrens_
Threats_When_Are_They_Serious_65.aspx] (American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)
Also available in Spanish
[http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Spanish/Las_Amenazas_de_los_Ninos_Cuando_Hay_Qué_Tomarlas_en_Serio_65.aspx]

Coping

Specific Conditions
- Physical Fights [http://www.girlshealth.gov/relationships/conflict/physical_fights.html] (Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health)

Related Issues
- Children and Firearms
Also available in Spanish
[http://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/Facts_for_Families_Pages/Spanish/Los_Ninos_y_Las_Armas_de_Fuego_37.aspx]
- Children and TV Violence
Also available in Spanish
- Electronic Aggression: New Technology and Youth Violence
[http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/youthviolence/electronicaggression/index.html] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/parent/en_espanol/emociones/school_violence_esp.html]
- Teen Dating Violence
[http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/intimatepartnerviolence/teen_dating_violence.html] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Teen Dating Violence: A Closer Look at Adolescent Romantic Relationships
[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/journals/261/teen-dating-violence.htm] (Department of Justice)

Videos
- Break the Silence: Stop the Violence [http://www.cdc.gov/CDCTV/BreakTheSilence/index.html] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Clinical Trials
- ClinicalTrials.gov: Teen Violence [http://clinicaltrials.gov/search/open(term=teen+AND+(violence+OR+aggression))] NIH (National Institutes of Health)
Research

- Nearly One in Three Adolescents Participated in a Violent Behavior over the Past Year [http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1009214413.aspx] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)


Organizations

- KidsHealth [http://kidshealth.org/] (Nemours Foundation)

Statistics

- School-Associated Violent Death Study [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/schoolviolence/SADV.html] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Violent Behaviors among Adolescent Females [http://oas.samhsa.gov/g2k9/171/171FemaleViolence.htm] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System [http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/yrbs/] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- Youth Violence and Illicit Drug Use [http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/g2k6/youthviolence/youthViolence.htm] (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Teenagers

  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/abuse_relationships_esp.html]
- Date Rape [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_mind/relationships/date_rape.html] (Nemours Foundation)
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/date_rape_esp.html]

• Should You Worry about School Violence?
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/mente/school_violence_esp.html]
• Someone at School Has a Weapon. What Should I Do?
  Also available in Spanish [http://kidshealth.org/teen/en_espanol/seguridad/weapon_school_esp.html]
• Youth and Teens Page [http://blog.1800runaway.org/] (National Runaway Safeline)

You may also be interested in these related MedlinePlus topics:
• Bullying [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/bullying.html]
• Teen Health [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/teenhealth.html]

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