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School Violence Prevention Tips

School violence includes all incidents in which any member of the schools community is subjected to abuse.

E.g. Threats of harm, intimidating or humiliating behaviour or physical assault.

Violence in the school is often the reciprocal of violence in the home and community. A child's early years are spent drawing social maps by which they live; "Violence Witnessed is Violence Experienced." Therefore, some children believe that violence solve problems. Most serious matters seen by the police involving students over the years emanated from the community and are filtered into the schools and then back to the community.

10 Things Students Can Do To Stop School Violence

- 1. Refuse to bring weapons to school, refuse to carry weapons for someone else, and refuse to keep silent about those who carry weapons**
- 2. Report any violence or aggression perpetrated against you to school administrators , your teacher or the school liaison officer (take all threats seriously)**
- 3. Avoid conflict with student who have been drinking, taking drugs or are known to carry weapons**
- 4. Stay away from gang related activities, illicit drugs, alcoholic beverages and inappropriate touching of school mates**
- 5. Pay attention to signs that violence might occur and walk away from conflicts**
- 6. Help others settle disputes peacefully**
- 7. Learn how to manage your own anger without the use of violence**
- 8. Welcome and mentor new students and make them feel at home in your school.**
- 9. Encourage each student, group activity or school club to adopt an anti-violence theme**
- 10. Sign up for a "peace pledge" campaign, in which students promise to settle disagreements without violence.**

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