



School Violence Victimization: The Facts

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What is School Violence Victimization?

School violence victimization refers to victimization that occurs within in a school setting (e.g., school property, to and from school, school sponsored events, and to or from school-sponsored events), including teen dating violence, bullying, fighting, and gun violence.[1]

Have you Heard?

- Approximately 20% reported being bullied at school in 2019 [2]
- More than 7% of high school students have been threatened or injured with a weapon at school [2]
- There have been roughly 275 intentional shootings in K-12 schools since 2015 [3]
- 1 in 12 high school students has been in one or more physical fights on school property [2]
- School violence disproportionately impacts communities of color [4]

What are the Consequences? [1]

The consequences of school violence include physical and mental health, such as injuries, stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety. Adolescents are at risk for future perpetration or victimization of this type of violence and an increased risk for substance and alcohol abuse. School violence victimization can impact school attendance, increase healthcare costs, and services.



How to Prevent and Support Survivors of School Violence [5]

- Promote healthy family and school environments
- Increase use of mentoring programs
- Treatment to prevent problematic behavior
- Reduce community-level risks

Resources

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Texas

- Texas Education Agency-- (512)- 463-9734
<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/safe-and-supportive-schools/school-safety-resources>
- Office of the Texas Attorney General--
<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/divisions/criminal-justice/gangs-juvenile-justice/school-safety>
- Texas Youth Hotline-- (800)-989-6884

National

- National Center for Healthy Safe Children--(202)-403-5000
<https://www.healthysafechildren.org-->
- Department of Education: Office of Elementary & Secondary Education-- (202)-453-6777
<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/safe-supportive-schools/>

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Resources

- Texas Abuse Hotline (suspicions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65 +) <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/>
800-252-5400
- Texas Council on Family Violence <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault <https://taasa.org/get-help/>
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888
- Aging and Disability Resource Center 855-937-2372
- Victim Connect Resource Center 855-484-2846
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988