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VIOLENCE IN THE USA

Violent crime in the United States refers to murder, rape and sexual assault, robbery and assault. Violent crime in the United States has fallen over the last two decades, however, the number of reported violent crimes has risen slightly in the past few years. Among the various types of violent crime reported in the United State, assault is the most common.

Violence is a public health problem that can be understood and changed. Research over the last 2 decades has demonstrated that violence can be prevented and that, in some cases, prevention programs are more cost-effective than other policy options such as incarceration.

The United States has made a big contribution in prevention violence. A new World Health Organization initiative presents an opportunity for the United States to work with other countries to find cost-effective ways of preventing violence and reducing its enormous costs.

Violence is a serious problem in the United States. From infants to the elderly, it affects people in all stages of life. In 2017, more than 19,000 people were victims of homicide and more than 1.7 million were treated in hospital emergency departments for an assault-related injury. Many people survive violence and have permanent physical and emotional scars. Violence also erodes communities by reducing productivity, decreasing property values, and disrupting social services.

The Division of Violence Prevention's (DVP) mission is to prevent violence and its consequences so that all people, families and communities are safe, healthy and free of violence.

DVP is committed to stop violence before it begins (i.e., primary prevention). The division works to:
•   monitor violence-related behaviors, injuries and deaths;
•   help state and local partners plan, implement, and evaluate violence prevention efforts;
•   promote the effective adoption and dissemination of violence prevention strategies, etc.

Crime is a social issue, so if you want to decrease its frequency and rate, you should start from yourselves. Be law abiding and teach your children to do the same, and be sure, the crime rate will be much lower.

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