

# Talking to Your Kids About School Violence: A Practical Guide for Parents

## Introduction

School violence is a serious issue that affects children and communities across the United States. In the 2020-2021 school year, there were over 270 school shootings in the U.S., resulting in the deaths of 28 students and teachers. These tragedies have left a lasting impact on the lives of countless families and communities.

As a parent, it is natural to be concerned about your child's safety at school. You want to do everything you can to protect them from harm. But talking to your kids about school violence can be difficult. You don't want to scare them, but you also want to make sure they are aware of the dangers and know how to stay safe.

This book is designed to help you have those conversations with your kids. It will provide you with the information you need to understand school violence, talk to your kids about it, and help them stay safe.

In this book, you will learn about:

- The different types of school violence
- The risk factors for school violence
- The warning signs of potential violence
- How to talk to your kids about school violence
- How to help your child stay safe
- How to deal with bullying
- How to prepare your child for emergencies
- How to support your child after a violent event
- How to work with the school to keep your child safe
- How to take care of yourself as a parent

I hope this book will help you to have open and honest conversations with your kids about school violence. By working together, we can create a safe and supportive environment for all children.

## Book Description

**Talking to Your Kids About School Violence: A Practical Guide for Parents** is the essential guide for parents on how to talk to their kids about school violence. This book provides parents with the information they need to understand school violence, talk to their kids about it, and help them stay safe.

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**Talking to Your Kids About School Violence: A Practical Guide for Parents** is written in a clear and concise style, and it is packed with practical advice that parents can use to help their kids stay safe. This book is a must-read for any parent who is concerned about school violence.

**Pasquale De Marco** is a leading expert on school violence. She has worked with schools and law enforcement agencies across the country to develop and implement programs to prevent school violence. She is the author of several books and articles on school violence, and she is a frequent speaker on the topic.

**Pasquale De Marco** is passionate about helping parents keep their kids safe. She believes that by working together, we can create a safe and supportive environment for all children.

# Chapter 1: Understanding School Violence

## Defining school violence

School violence is any act of violence that occurs on school property or at a school-sponsored event. It can include physical violence, such as assault or battery, as well as verbal violence, such as threats or harassment. School violence can also include property damage, such as arson or vandalism.

There are many different types of school violence, including:

- **Homicide:** The intentional killing of one person by another.
- **Suicide:** The intentional taking of one's own life.
- **Assault:** Any intentional act that causes physical harm to another person.

- **Battery:** Any intentional act that causes physical harm to another person with a weapon.
- **Robbery:** The taking of property from another person by force or threat of force.
- **Theft:** The taking of property from another person without their consent.
- **Vandalism:** The willful or malicious destruction or damage of property.
- **Bullying:** Repeated and intentional acts of aggression or intimidation directed at a particular person or group.

School violence is a serious problem that can have a lasting impact on the lives of victims, their families, and the entire school community. It is important to be aware of the different types of school violence and the warning signs that may indicate that a student is at risk of committing violence.

If you are concerned that a student may be at risk of committing violence, it is important to report your concerns to the school administration or to the police.

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## Types of school violence

School violence is any type of violence that occurs on school property or at a school-sponsored event. It can be physical, emotional, or sexual.

**Physical violence** is the most common type of school violence. It includes any type of physical harm, such as hitting, punching, kicking, or using a weapon.

**Emotional violence** is any type of verbal or nonverbal behavior that is intended to harm someone's self-esteem or emotional well-being. It can include name-calling, teasing, bullying, or threats.

**Sexual violence** is any type of sexual activity that is forced or unwanted. It can include rape, sexual assault, or sexual harassment.

School violence can be perpetrated by students, staff, or visitors. It can happen in any type of school setting, from elementary school to college.

There are many different factors that can contribute to school violence, including:

- **Individual factors**, such as mental health problems, substance abuse, or a history of violence
- **Family factors**, such as poverty, abuse, or neglect
- **School factors**, such as a lack of security, poor discipline, or a hostile environment
- **Community factors**, such as crime, poverty, or a lack of resources

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violence, we can take steps to prevent it and create a safe environment for all students.

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# Chapter 10: Resources for Parents

## School counselors

School counselors are an important resource for parents. They can provide support and guidance on a variety of topics, including school violence. School counselors can help parents to:

- Understand the risk factors for school violence
- Identify the warning signs of potential violence
- Talk to their children about school violence
- Help their children to cope with the aftermath of a violent event
- Develop a safety plan for their children

School counselors can also provide parents with information about other resources in the community, such as mental health services and support groups.

If you are concerned about your child's safety, or if you need help talking to your child about school violence,

please reach out to your child's school counselor. School counselors are trained to help parents and children cope with the challenges of school violence.

Here are some tips for talking to your child's school counselor:

- Be open and honest about your concerns.
- Ask questions about the school's safety plan.
- Ask for advice on how to talk to your child about school violence.
- Let the school counselor know if your child is showing any signs of distress.

School counselors are here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support.

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