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SCHOOL VIOLENCE: YOU CAN HELP PREVENT IT!

The increase of violent school threats is breeding fear, anxiety and frustration for educators, children and parents.

The good news in all of this is that in many cases the school community can in fact do something to help prevent school violence. That's what this program is all about—ways we can prevent school violence and help to keep our schools safe.

Through live-action, true-to-life scenarios viewers will learn to identify potential problem behaviors and warning signs that can typically lead to violence. Viewers will recognize that an important way they can prevent school violence has to do with simply being aware of the people around you and being able to spot something that isn't quite right before it escalates.

Students will come to understand the difference between a direct and indirect threat and how context of the threat determines how threats should be handled. In addition, students will learn to identify behaviors that may be warning signs to potential violent actions and that whenever they feel threatened or unsafe that they have an obligation to report the incident to a trusted adult within the school community.

Students will realize there is a link between violence and a person's need to feel connected to someone in the school community. Learn what you can do as an educator and teach your students what they can do and start making your school safer today.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Students play an important role in helping to prevent school violence
- Violence is any behavior that hurts a person physically or emotionally
- Awareness of both "threats" of violence and "acts" of violence
- Identify behaviors that may be warning signs to potential violence
- Understand the difference between direct and indirect threats
- See the importance of being "connected" to someone in the school community
- Report behaviors or incidents that make you feel threatened or unsafe

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