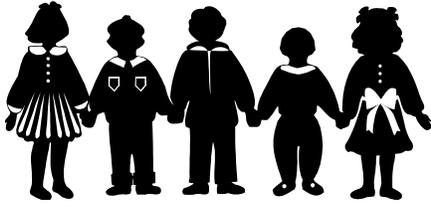




# CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FROM MARYSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Things Kids Can Do to Stop Violence

1. Settle arguments with words, not with fists or weapons.
2. Don't stand around and form an audience if you see a fight or a disagreement.
3. Learn safe routes for walking in the neighborhood, and know good places to seek help. Trust your feelings, and if there's a sense of danger, get away fast.
4. Don't open the door to anyone you and your parents don't know and trust.
5. Report any crimes or suspicious actions to the police, school authorities and parents. Be willing to testify if needed.
6. Never go anywhere with someone you and your parents don't know and trust.
7. If someone tries to abuse you, say NO and get away. Tell a trusted adult.
8. Stick with friends who are also against violence and drugs, and stay away from known troublemakers.
9. Get involved to make school safer and better – having poster contests against violence, holding anti-drug rallies, counseling peers, settling disputes peacefully. If there's no program, help start one!
10. Don't use alcohol and other drugs, and stay away from people associated with them.
11. Help younger children learn to avoid being crime victims. Set a good example and volunteer to help with community efforts to stop crime.

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