

PARENTING

They say it takes a village to raise a child and anyone with children knows this is true. Welcome to our parenting pro-tips page! Information on this page will include parenting blogs, recipes, media guides and more.



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Behavioral Resources Events Helpful Apps Media Recipes Additional Resources

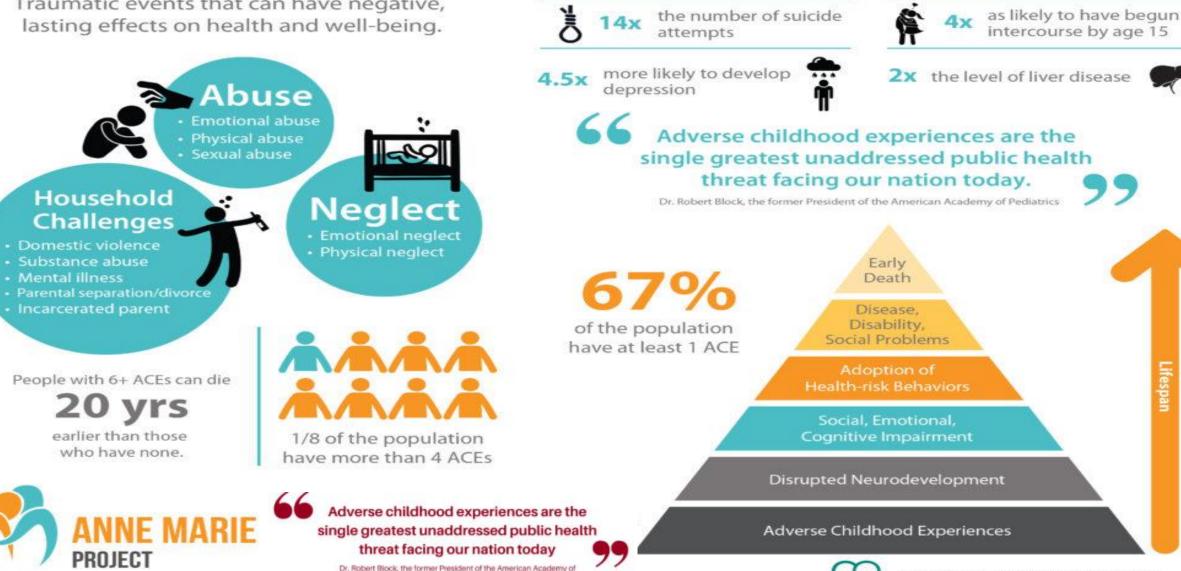


Keeping My Child, Tween, and Teen Safe - Technology, Bullying, Dating, and the World

March 5: Development and Discipline

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health and well-being.



Pediatrics

3x the levels of lung disease and adult smoking

the level of intravenous

drug abuse

4 or more ACEs

11x

Risky Behavior In Teenagers

1. Sex, Alcohol, And Drugs

2. Increased Use Of Communication Devices And Social Media

3. Mood Swings

4. Aggression

5. Lying Or Hiding Facts

6. Defying Rules And Arguing

7. Drastic Changes In Appearance

8. Decreased Communication

9. Spending More Time With Friends

10. Indecisiveness



Top 5 Dangers Facing Tweens

- Risk Taking
- Substance Abuse
- Depression & Anxiety
- Self Esteem Issues
- Inadequate Supervision



From Tween to Teen

- Mental Health highly stressful time, overt and covert physical changes, emotional instability
- Sexuality physical changes lead to emotional upheaval, more questions than answers – answers delayed, growing into your body – physically and emotionally
- Socially the move from authority based affirmation to peer based affirmation
- Asset Building taking stock of who they can and cannot turn to with questions, problems, and for direction



Physically

- know the threats
- train yourself to look for threats
- train your child to react to threats
- be a fearless and tireless guardian



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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission the "Top Five Hidden Home Hazards"

1. Magnets

8 million magnetic toys recalled.

2. Recalled Products Each year there about 400 recalls.

3. Tip-Overs

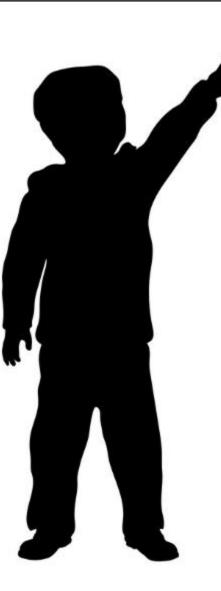
Average of 22 deaths per year and an estimated 3,000 injuries.

4. Windows & Coverings

Average of 12 deaths annually from window cords; Average of 9 deaths and an estimated 3,700 injuries to children annually from window falls.

5. Pool / Spa Drains

15 injuries, 2 fatalities from 2002-2004.



Unforeseen Household Dangers

Buckets of Standing Water 75 young children have drowned in buckets with 10ther 30 hospitalized

Toilets & Baths

) children a year drown in toilets with an additional)0 per year drowning in bathtubs

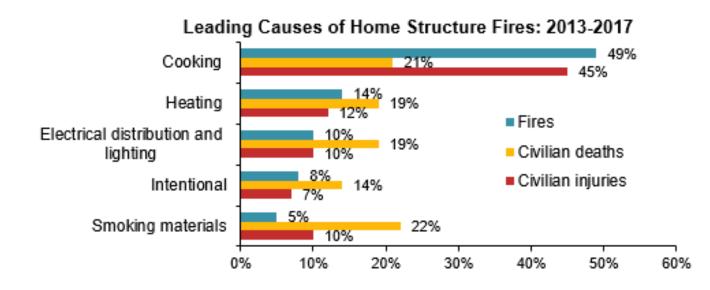
Scalding Water Temperatures

20° water will scald and scar a young child

Drapery / Blind Cords early 100 small children die from strangulation by rapery or blind cords

Balloons

5 children per year under the age of 3 choke to death 1 balloons According to the National **Fire** Protection Association, an estimated 374,000 U.S. **homes catch fire** annually. The cumulative damage is jaw-dropping. The price tag: Almost \$8 billion annually. According to Global Reconstruction, 2,600 lives are lost from **house fires** each **year**.

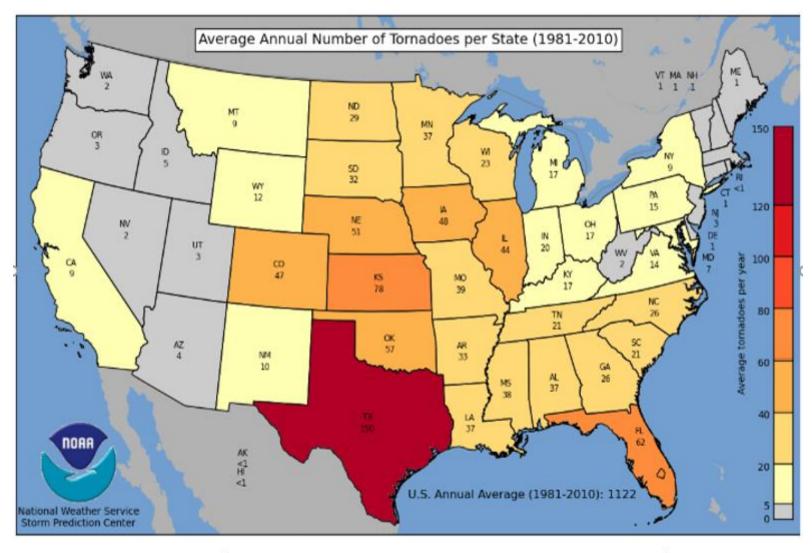


More than one-quarter (27%) of reported **fires** occurred in **homes**. Even worse, four of every five (79%) **fire** deaths and three-quarters (73%) of all reported injuries were caused by **home fires**.



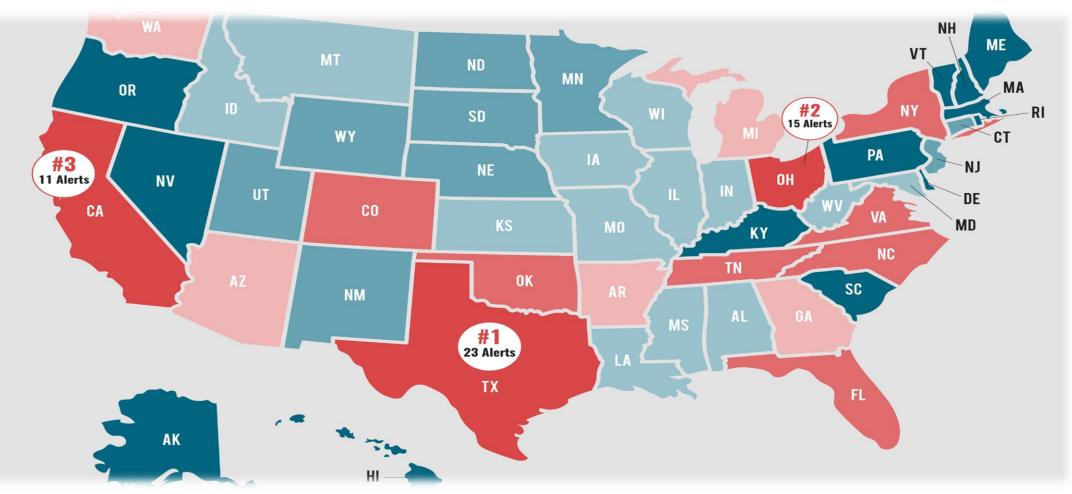
An average of 132 tornadoes touch Texas soil each year.





Texas has the highest average annual number of tornadoes in the US!

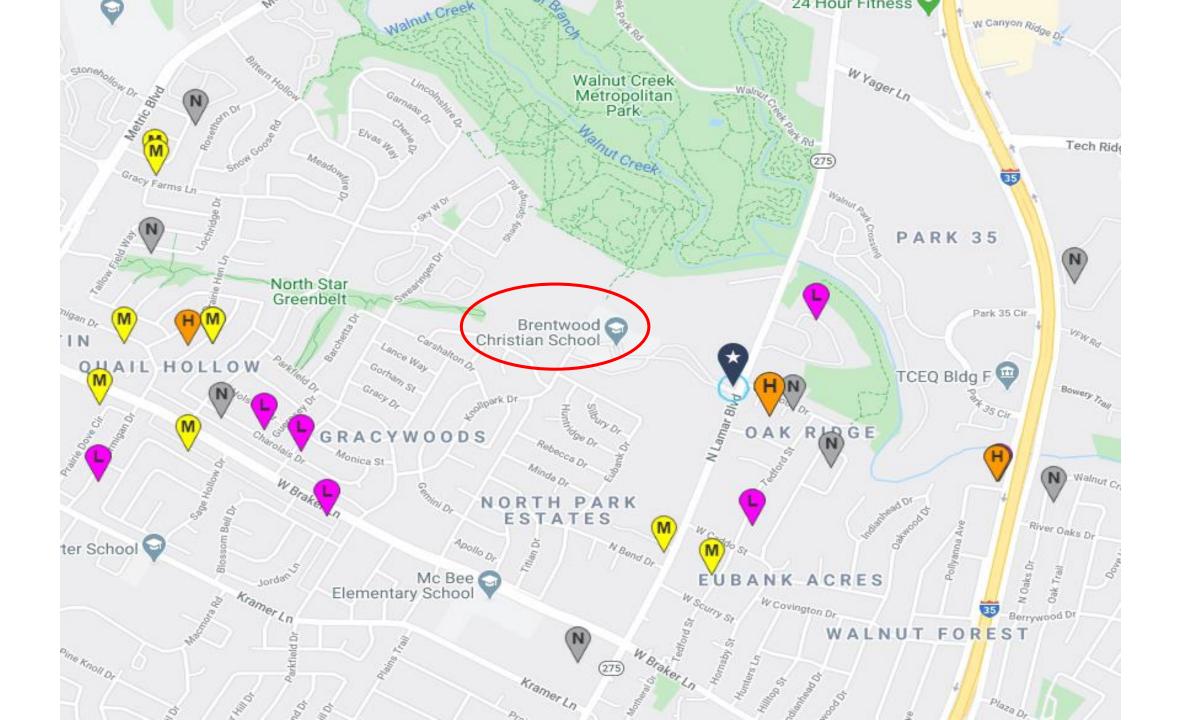
Texas leads nation in AMBER Alerts issued



A graphic from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children 2018 AMBER Alert Report shows Texas had the most alerts in the country that year.

In 2018, there were 23 AMBER Alerts in Texas, 14 percent of the alerts in the United States.

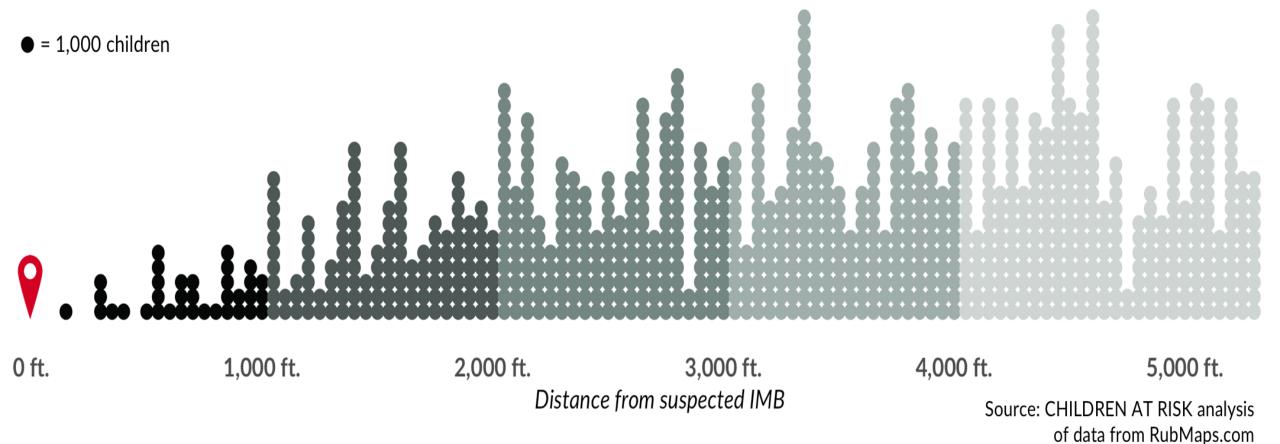
https://www.timesrecordnews.com/story/news/local/2019/07/03/texas-leads-nation-amber-alerts-issued/1632646001/



35,000 Texas children attend school within 1,000 feet of a suspected illegal massage business (IMB)

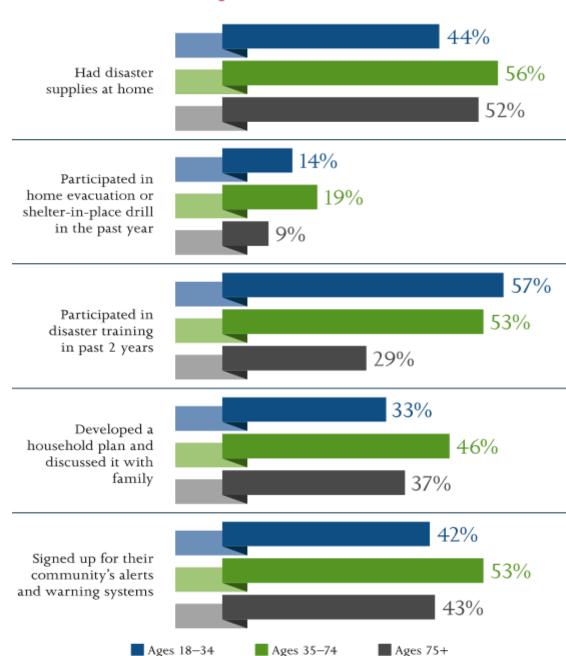
children atRisk

900,000 children attend school within a mile of a suspected front for human trafficking



https://childrenatrisk.org/human_trafficking_near_schools_analysis

Preparedness Behaviors



Preparing Helps and I Can Respond % of individuals % of individuals who believed who believed they preparing helps could respond 75% 76% 61% 66% 69% 55% Weather Emergency 70% 69% 55% 50% 53% 37% Natural Disaster 69% 67% 47% 47% 56% 44% (Alexa) Flood 61% 60% 43% 40% 47% 38% Wildfire 56% 57% 46% 32% 37% 34% \sim Disease Outbreak 53% 51% 40% 22% 28% 23% Hazardous Materials Accident 50% 47% 35% 18% 24% 23% Terrorist Act Ages 18-34 Ages 35-74 Ages 75+

Perceived Efficacy:

https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1409000888026

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- build an emergency supply kit
- establish a financial emergency plan
- organize and protect important documents
- have a game plan for home and away
- prepare your kids



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Emotionally

- build emotional security for your child
- constantly assure your child of his/her worth
- know the emotional risks
- know the emotional pressures
- fervently guard your child's well being

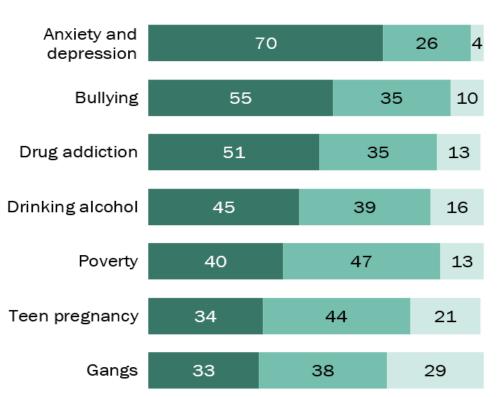


Colossians 3:21

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged

Anxiety and depression top list of problems teens see among their peers

% of teens saying each of the following is a _____ among people their age in the community where they live



Note: Share of respondents who didn't offer an answer not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 conducted Sept. 17-Nov. 25, 2018.

"Most U.S. Teens See Anxiety and Depression as a Major Problem Among Their Peers" $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Peers}}$

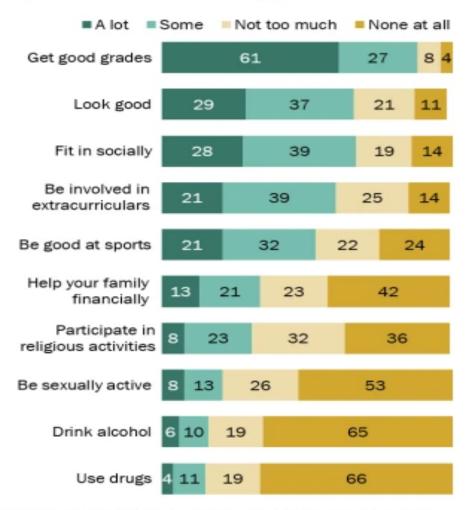
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■ Major problem ■ Minor problem ■ Not a problem

About six-in-ten teens say they feel a lot of pressure to get good grades

% of teens saying they personally feel ____ pressure to ...



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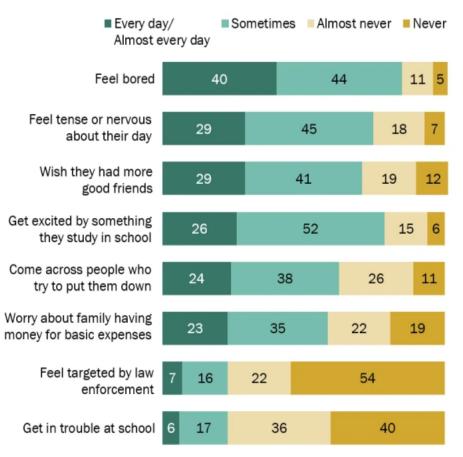
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The poll was taken by 35,878 teens spread throughout the United States. Questions asked included:

•How often are you stressed?

•What stresses you out the most?

•What are you most likely to do when stressed?

•What resources do you use to help?

•44.88% of teens feel stressed "all the time," 12.18% "rarely" stressed, and 6.3% who are "never" stressed.

•Relationships (27.22%) and teachers (24.55%) were the most popular answers to "what stresses you out the most," followed by parents (13.46%), and friends (4.21%).

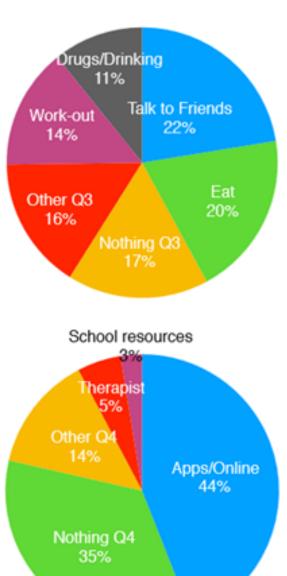
•Most teens seek to cope with stress by talking to friends (22.43%)

•Over one-third of teens (34.53%) responded that they do "nothing" to try to manage their stress.

What are you most likely to do when you're stressed?

Response	Total	Percentage
Talk to Friends	7,469	22.43%
Eat	6,545	19.65%
Nothing Q3	5,618	16.87%
Other Q3	5,273	15.83%
Work-out	4,806	14.43%
Drugs/Drinking	3,595	10.79%

What resources do you use to help?		
Response	Total	Percentage
Apps/Online	14,135	44.04%
Nothing Q4	11,082	34.53%
Other Q4	4,399	13.71%
Therapist	1,663	5.18%
School resources	816	2.54%



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- build emotional connection
- promote healthy risk-taking
- Resist urge to fix it ask questions instead
- teach problem-solving skills
- label emotions
- demonstrate coping skills
- embrace mistakes theirs and yours
- promote the bright side every experience has one
- model resiliency
- go outside



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Teen Peer Pressure by the Numbers

19% of teens report they would give up using a cell phone while driving if their friends did the same.

19%

Source: Teen Driver Source 23% of teen girls feel pressured to have sex.

23%

Source: The Body: The Complete HIV/AIDS Resource 33% of teen boys ages 15–17 feel pressured to have sex.

33%

Source: The Body: The Complete HIV/AIDS Resource 55% of teens tried drugs for the first time because they felt pressured by their friends.

55%

Source: Foundation for a Drug-Free World 70% of teens who smoke say they started smoking because their friends smoke or they felt peer pressure to try smoking.

70%

Source: Canadian Lung Association AMERICANS AGES 13 TO 18 SPEND MORE THAN 72 HOURS A WEEK USING ELECTRONIC MEDIA - DEFINED AS THE INTERNET, CELL PHONES, TELEVISION, MUSIC AND VIDEO GAMES.

> **47 PERCENT** OF FAMILIES SAY PORNOGRAPHY IS A PROBLEM IN THEIR HOME.

> > **1** YEARS

OLD

7-17 YEAR OLDS WHO

WOULD FREELY GIVE

OUT HOME ADDRESS

PERCENT

AVERAGE AGE OF FIRST INTERNET EXPOSURE TO

PORNOGRAPHY IS

1 IN 7 YOUTHS RECEIVE SEXUAL SOLICITATION ONLINE.

PERCENT OF 15-17 YEAR **OLDS HAVE HAD MULTIPLE** HARD-CORE EXPOSURES

7-17 YEAR OLDS WHO WOULD FREELY GIVE OUT EMAIL ADDRESS **14 PERCENT**

(MOST WHILE DOING HOMEWORK). CHILDREN'S CHARACTER NAMES LINKED TO THOUSANDS OF PORN LINKS (Including Pokemon and

ACTION MAN).

VIEWED PORN ONLINE



CYBERBULLYING

ACCORDING TO CYBERBULLYING STATISTICS FROM THE I-SAFE FOUNDATION:



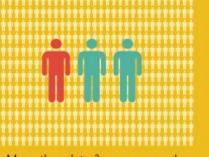
Over half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyber bullying.

26%

WHATSAPP USERS

54%

FACEBOOK USERS



More than 1 in 3 young people have experienced cyberthreats online.



Over 25 percent of teenagers and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the Internet.

21% YOUTUBE USERS

EXPERIENCED CYBERBULLYING

22% VIBER USERS



24%

28%

TWITTER USERS



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The American Justice Department Statistics on Bullying

- 77% of students are bullied mentally, verbally, and/or physically
- 1 out of 5 kids admits to being a bully, or doing some "Bullying."
- 8% of students miss 1 day of class per month for fear of Bullies
- 28% of youths who carry weapons see violence at home
- 282,000 students are attacked in middle schools each month.
- Playground statistics Every 7 minutes a child is bullied.
- Adult intervention 4%. Peer intervention 11%
- No intervention 85%.

What Parents Can Do

- Listen to your child.
- Tell your child that he/she has done the right thing by talking about what has happened.
- Advise your child to report all bullying incidents.
- Collaborate with school personnel to address the problem.
- Keep written records.
- Role-play assertive behavior with your child.





UNDERAGE DRINKING STATS

Nearly 1/3 of all drunk driving deaths happen to people ages 16-20.

1/3 drunk driving deaths: 16-20 YEAR OLDS

There are about 10.8 million underage drinkers in the United States.

One in six teens binge drinks.

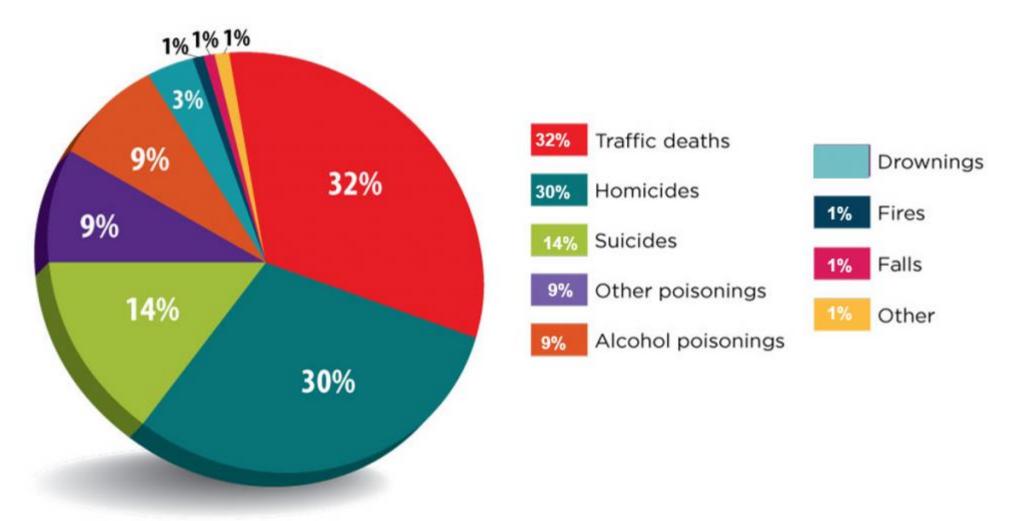
Only 1 in 100 parents believes his or her teen binge drinks.

100 PARENTS

MILLION

http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/niaaa.nih.gov

Underage Drinking Related Deaths

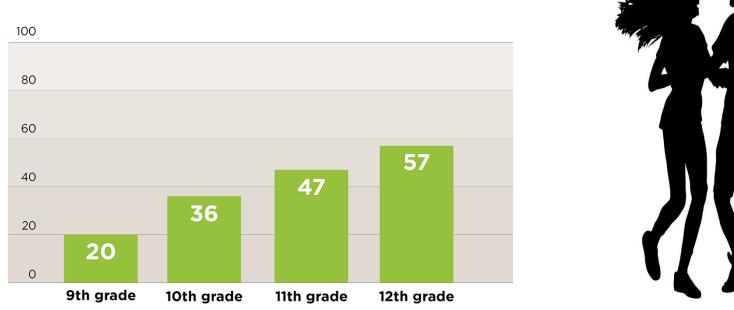


Estimates come from FBI, CDC and NHTSA data. Data is for deaths involving 15 to 20 year-old underage drinkers. Details at madd.org.

GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE

By the time they are in 12th grade, the majority of U.S. high school students have had sexual intercourse

% of students in 2017 who have ever had sex



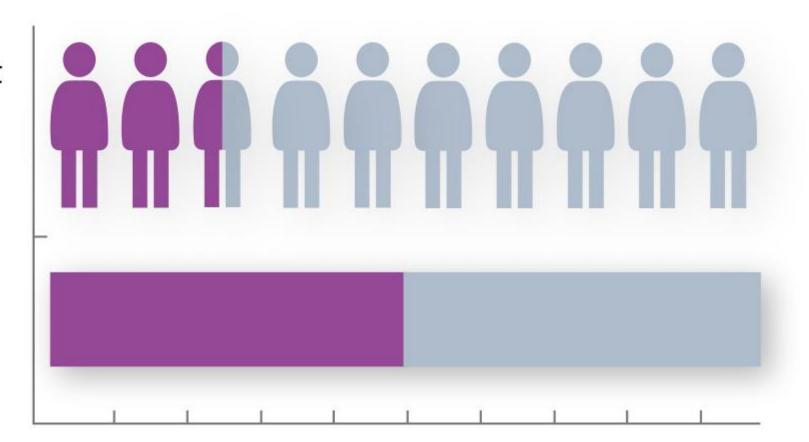
1 Timothy 4:12

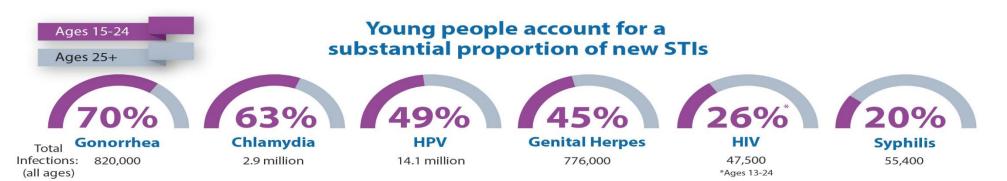
Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

Youth bear disproportionate share of STIs

Americans ages 15-24 make up just **27%** of the sexually active **population**

But account for **50%** of the **20M** new **STIs** in the U.S. each year





Teen Dating Violence

and 1in 19 male teens

reported experiencing sexual dating violence in the last year

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72% 8th and 9th graders are in a dating relationship

1 in 3

High school relationships involve some sort of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse

Nearly 1.5 Million

High school students experience physical abuse from a dating partner in the United States **each year**.

Nearly 2 out of 3 Teens in an abusive relationship Never tell anyone about the abuse



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Nearly 4 out of 5 Girls who have been

physically abused continue to date their abuser.

Nearly	About
1 in 9	1 in 13
female teens	male teens
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reported experiencing physical dating violence in the last year.

Approximately **1in7** female teens **23% of women** and

14% of men

experienced intimate partner violence for the first time before age 18.

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Social Pressure



- Recognize that negative peer pressure reaches its greatest intensity during the adolescent years.
- Along with the rest of the youth population, the youths you know and love are going through the natural adolescent shift in social focus from family to peer group.
- As part of their growth toward self-sufficiency and independence, teenagers are prone to no longer see their family as the center of their social universe.
- Teens begin to disengage from the family while forming more and more meaningful relationships with same-sex and opposite-sex peers.
- Consequently, teens will sometimes look for the guidance and direction typically sought from Dad and Mom from their peers and culture.

Social Basics - Recapturing Our Values: Purity & Innocence

Environment – defining normalcy



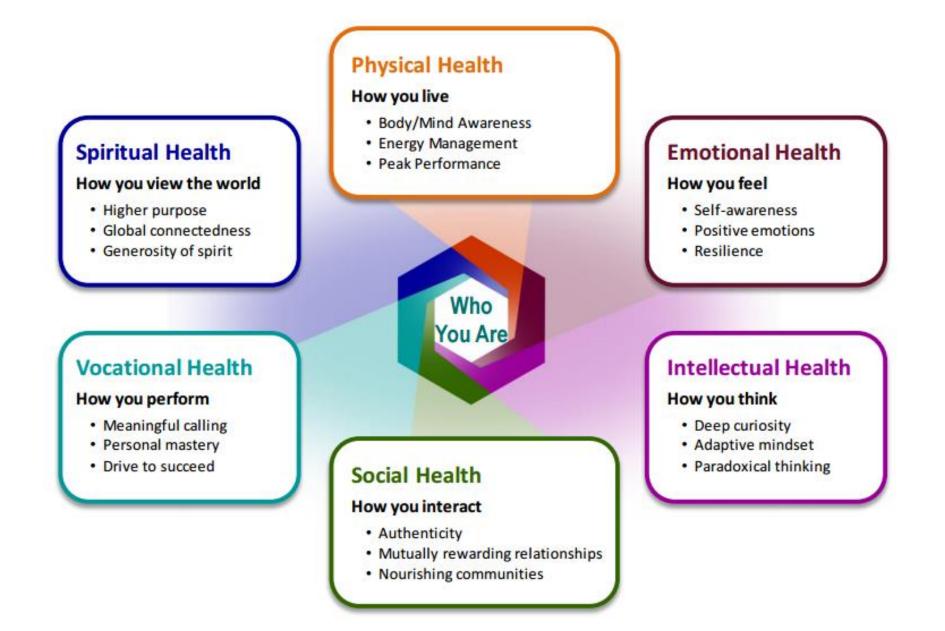
Dress – purpose of choice - advertising

Priorities – contributing or feeling owed

Talk – language, manners, subject

Friends – the influencers

Goals - where is God?



Spiritually

- knowing God matters
- values matter
- forgiveness matters
- grace and mercy matter
- hope matters



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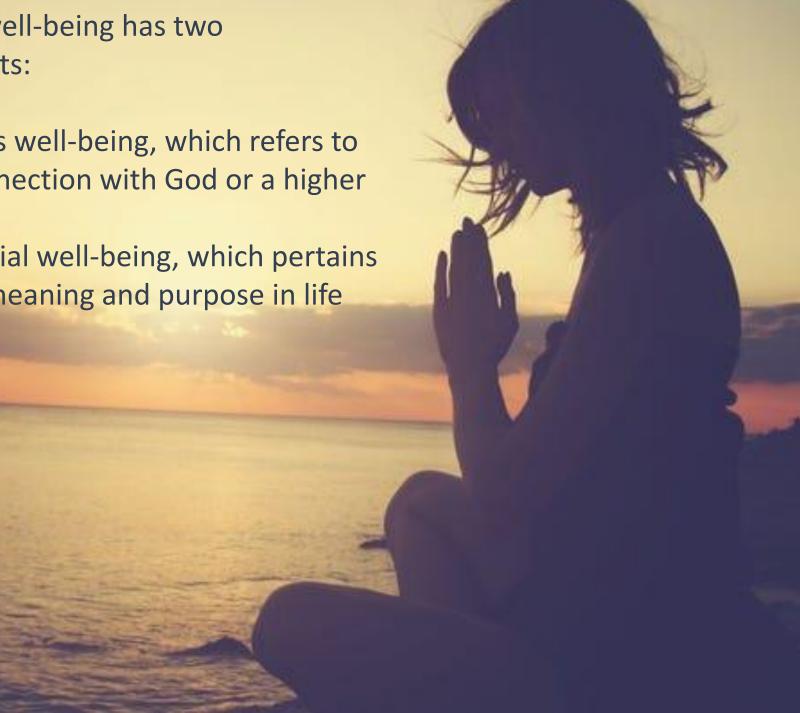
According to the World Health Organization:

"spiritual health refers to that part of the individual which reaches out and strives for meaning and purpose in life. It is the intangible "something" that transcends physiology and psychology" Spirituality is that part of yourself that helps you find meaning, connectedness and purpose in your life. ... Research shows
that spirituality is related to better health outcomes. Spirituality seems to help people cope with illness, suffering and death.



Spiritual well-being has two components:

- religious well-being, which refers to the connection with God or a higher being
- existential well-being, which pertains • to the meaning and purpose in life



Spiritually

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -if anything is excellent or praiseworthythink about such things. **Philippians 4:8**



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