



## 10 facts about violence prevention

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Each year, 1.4 million people worldwide lose their lives to violence. For every person who dies as a result of violence, many more are injured and suffer from a range of physical, sexual, reproductive and mental health problems. Violence places a massive burden on national economies, costing countries billions of US dollars each year in health care, law enforcement and lost productivity. WHO works with partners to prevent violence through scientifically credible strategies.

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### Fact 7: People can benefit from violence prevention programmes in schools

Proven and promising violence prevention strategies focused on individuals include pre-school enrichment programmes during early childhood (ages 3-5 years), life skills training and social development programmes for children aged 6-18 years, and assisting high-risk adolescents and young adults to complete schooling and pursue courses of higher education and vocational training.

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