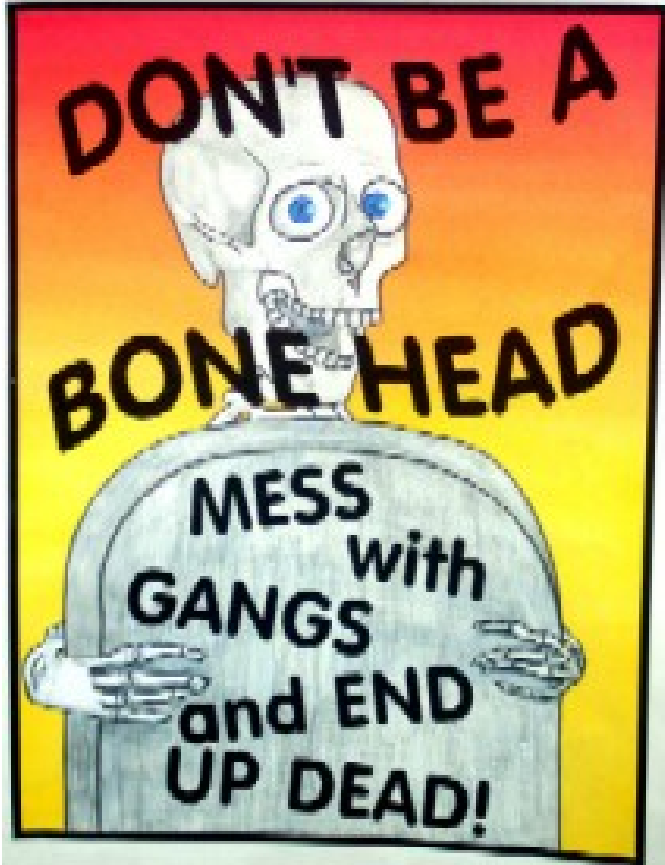
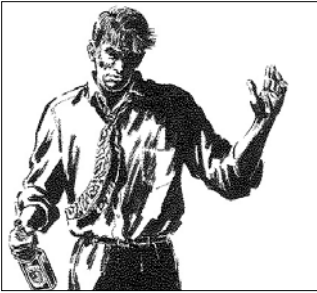


How to Avoid Violence in Your Community



Vocabulary



to drink
This man is drunk.
He drank too much alcohol.
Drunk people may be dangerous.



to do drugs
This man is doing drugs.
People on drugs may be dangerous.



to arrest
The police are arresting this woman.



graffiti
Gangs often mark their turf with graffiti. Stay away from gangs and their turf. Gangs may be very dangerous.



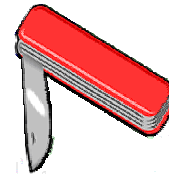
JUST SAY NO!
is a program to help kids stay away from alcohol and drugs.



a gun
A gun is a weapon.



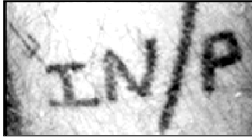
a steak knife



a pocketknife

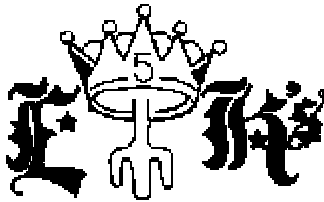
Knives can be weapons.

More Vocabulary



a gang tattoo

This tattoo is on a boy's arm.
It tells what gang he belongs to.



a gang symbol

Gangs often have their own
symbols and tattoos.
Stay away from people who
have gang symbols and tattoos.
They may be dangerous.



Watch out for anger.

The person who is crushing
this can may have trouble
controlling his anger. People
who are often angry and yell or
throw things can be very dangerous.



A teenager took alcohol to
school in his backpack. Teach
children to tell a teacher if they see
knives or guns or kids drinking beer or
other alcohol.

Everyone Needs to Help Stop Violence

Violence is everywhere. It is at home, on the street, in schools, and at work. Everyone feels violent now and then. Many people enjoy violent movies or TV shows now and then. But people who do violent things to people and animals are dangerous.



If you see violence, report it. If someone in your family is violent, help that person. Or encourage the person to get help. Use the number of the Florida Abuse Hotline: 1-800-962-2873 to report child abuse.

It is everyone's job to help stop violence. We must all work together to keep violence out of our communities.

Comprehension Check: Check ✓ the Right Answer

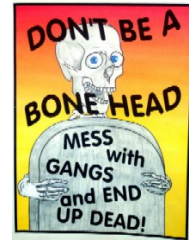
1. Violence happens only on streets. ___ true ___ false
2. Violence only happens at work. ___ true ___ false
3. Too much anger can cause violence. ___ true ___ false
4. Sometimes there is violence in schools. ___ true ___ false
5. Sometimes there is violence in families. ___ true ___ false

Clap the Stress

X x	x X	x X x	X x x
sometimes	enjoy	together	violence
anger	police	encourage	families
happens	arrest	Pinellas	animals
street gangs	in schools	graffiti	everywhere
someone	at work	another	teenager
many	because	arrested	alcohol
weapon	between	a problem	dangerous
bully	tattoos	a robber	Florida
beat up	the most	my daughter	pocketknife
injured	the least	your address	handicapped
Tampa	the best	employee	hospital
people	the worst	your workplace	usually

Street Gangs & Riots in Pinellas County

Street gangs are a big problem in Florida. Gangs are a problem in Pinellas County, too.



Look at the chart (below). It tells the names of some Tampa Bay street gangs whom the police know about in three cities. Tampa is not in Pinellas County. But Tampa is close to Pinellas County. Gangs sometimes go out of their area. So Tampa gangs sometimes go into Pinellas County.

Name of Town	Names of Gangs Operating There
Clearwater	39th Ave North Boys, Bellaire Boys, and W/B-Boys
St. Petersburg	25 Street Folk and Jamestown Project Gang
Tampa	Devil Boys, Jackson Height Posse, La Familia, P-Dogs, People In Control, Pompano Boys, Port Of Tampa Gang, Righteous Gangster Disciples, Romans Of Fowler Ave, Tampa Boyz, Town & Country Villains, VIP, and Westside Duce

Riots are another kind of violence that Pinellas County sometimes has. In 1996 in St. Petersburg, police stopped a car for speeding. There was trouble between the police and the people in the car. A man was killed. The man was black. Many of the police were white. People in the neighborhood got very upset. Some of them started a riot. (A riot means many people doing violent things.) They started fires. They threw things. The police put on riot gear (helmets and shields). The police and the people in the community yelled at each other. There was a lot of fighting. The rioting lasted for several days. It was terrible for the police. It was terrible for the people in the community. It was terrible for the city of St. Petersburg.



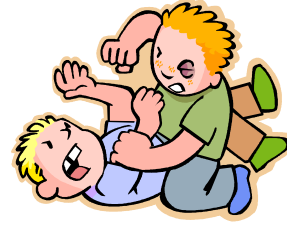
European police in riot gear: helmets and shields

Comprehension Check

1. Which of the three towns has the most gangs? _____
2. Which town has the least gangs? _____
3. What is a riot? _____
4. Where was the 1996 riot? _____

Violence in and Around Schools

Some school students are always picking on other students. A person who does this is called a bully. A bully usually picks on people smaller than he is. He usually picks on people who are handicapped or different. Some bullies pick on people of a certain color or people from a certain country. Bullies like to fight. They like to hit and punch people. They like to call people bad names.



Sometimes a group of students will pick on another student. On March 10, 2005, five St. Petersburg high school students beat up another student. They were all girls. Five girls beat up a 14-year-old girl during lunch. The five kicked and punched and slapped the other girl. The injured girl had to go to the hospital emergency room. The five girls were arrested.

The girl's mother said, *"I shouldn't have to walk around worried if my daughter will be killed at school by students."*

You can learn more about this school fight by going to:
<http://www.tampabay10.com/news/news.aspx?storyid=12453>.

A School Conversation

Bully: Give me your lunch.

Other Child: No.

Bully: Give me your lunch, or I'll break your arm!

Other Child: Leave me alone!

Bully: Give it to me now! (grabs lunch away from the child)



Comprehension Checkup ✓

1. Which child was violent? _____ the bully _____ the other child
2. What did the bully steal? _____ the other child _____ the lunch
3. Who is the victim? _____ the bully _____ the other child
4. What should the other child do? _____
5. What should the school do? _____

Violence at Work

Sometimes violence at work happens during a robbery or from some other outside cause. In St. Petersburg, in November, 2004, a gunman went into a Radio Shack and started shooting. He killed 2 people and left another person barely alive. Then the gunman killed himself. He may have been mentally ill.



Sometimes an employee or ex-employee gets violent. Sometimes the person was fired, or did not get a raise. Sometimes it is a person who is always angry and always picking a fight.

To be safe, try to stay away from people who are:

- angry all the time
- yelling at other people
- showing how strong they are
- always wanting to fight
- drunk or on drugs
- carrying a knife or gun



A Workplace Conversation

Worker 1: Did you hear what happened to Harry?

Worker 2: No. What?

Worker 1: He got fired last night.

Worker 2: Why?

Worker 1: He brought a gun to work.

Worker 2: Why?

Worker 1: I don't know. He was very angry about something.

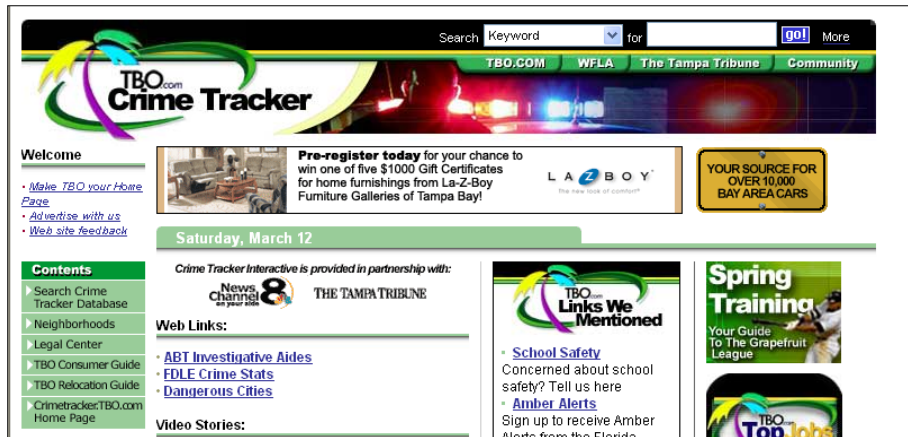


Comprehension Check

1. Why did Harry get fired? _____
 2. Does anyone bring a gun to work where you work? ___ yes ___ no
 3. If someone threatens you with a gun at work, what should you do?
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How to Find Out About Crime in Your Neighborhood

1. Go to this Internet site: <http://crimetracker.tbo.com/>. The page that comes up will look about like this:



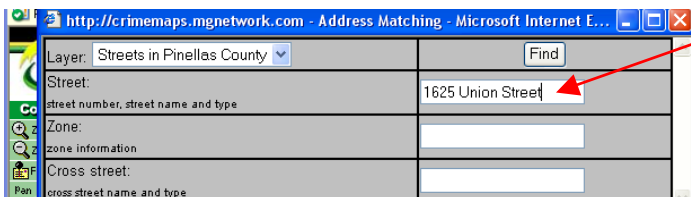
2. Scroll down the page until you see this map:



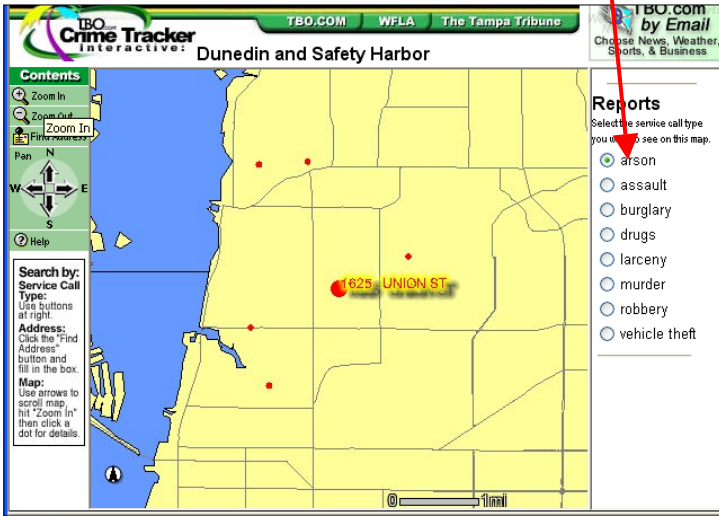
3. Find about where you live on the map. Click on it. It will show you a map of your area:



4. Now click on Find Address and type in your street address.



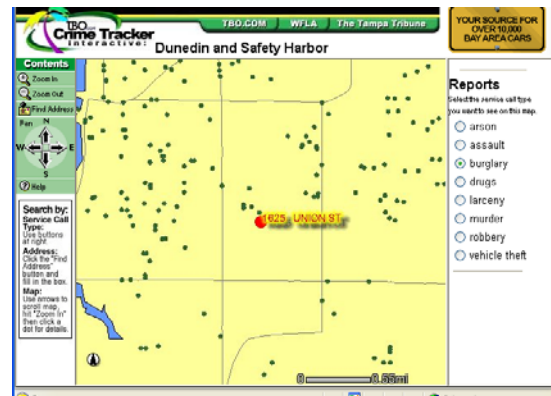
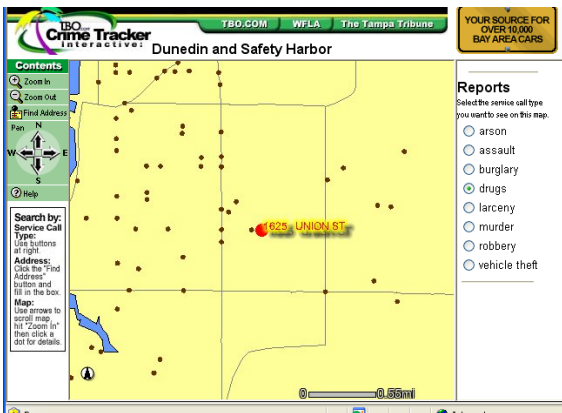
The first map will show you the 2004 arson (fire-setting) crimes in your neighborhood.



The little red dots ● show where someone started a fire to hurt someone or destroy a building.

On this map, how many arson crimes were there near 1625 Union Street?

5. Click on other crimes. For example, here are maps showing 2004 drug and burglary crimes around Union Street.



Comprehension Checkup

Use the Crime Tracker maps to find out about crimes in your neighborhood.

1. Which type of crime happen most often near you? _____
2. Which type of crime happen least often near you? _____
3. Check ✓ the sentence below that is true for you:
 - a. ___ My neighborhood has more drugs than 1625 Union Street.
 - b. ___ My neighborhood has less drugs than 1625 Union Street.
 - c. ___ My neighborhood has about the same amount of drugs as 1625 Union Street.

How to Learn More About Street Gangs

You can learn more about street gangs—and how to protect children from gangs—at any of these sites:

<http://www.safetampa.org/tampacrime/tampagang.html> -- more details about Tampa Bay gangs

http://www.fgia.com/faqs_for_parents.htm -- information for parents in question-and-answer format: What is a gang? What can parents do? Etc.

<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/gangs/awareness.html> -- the pictures show how some gang members dress, what their symbols look like, etc.

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