

YOUTH ABUSE

Snohomish County Facts

- There was a significant increase compared to 2016 in 10th grade students who say that an adult in their home insults them “never or almost never.”

DATING VIOLENCE	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Person they dated limited their activities or threatened them in the past year	~	5.1%	8.4%	10.2%
Person they were dating physically hurt them in past year	~	3.0%	4.9%	5.3%
Ever been in a situation where kissing, touching, or intercourse occurred when they did not want it to	~	11.4%	17.2%	24.8%
ABUSE				
ABUSE	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Ever been physically hurt on purpose by an adult	~	20.6%	24.5%	25.6%
Says an adult in their home often or very often swears at them, insults them, humiliates them or puts them down	~	13.1%	15.2%	15.4%
~ Not asked of students in this grade				



YOUTH ABUSE: WHAT WE CAN DO

Washington State Healthy Youth Survey Facts

- Survey questions focus on risk for injury, health behaviors and outcomes, alcohol and drug use.
- Results are used by communities to support youth and reduce risks.

More info available at: www.askhys.net

PARENTS

- If you suspect a child is being bullied, intervene—respectfully. Let children know bullying is not acceptable.
- Inform your children as early as possible the impact their words can have on others.
- Let those being abused or bullied know it is not their fault.
- Demonstrate tolerance for others to set an example for your children.

SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Ensure students are aware of their resources at school and ensure they feel comfortable going to the school counselor(s).
- Teach children from an early age how to handle romantic rejection and enforce on-campus harassment policies.
- Contact organizations like Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County to teach healthy dating and anti-bullying workshops at your school.

Participation by all of the Snohomish County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey is extremely appreciated. School participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.

For more information about the Healthy Youth Survey, check out <http://www.askhys.net/> or to see Snohomish County Healthy Youth Survey Fact Sheets go to www.snohd.org.

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