

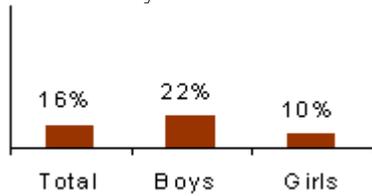


VIOLENCE & INJURIES

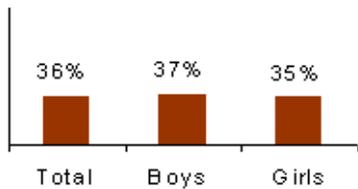
HOW ARE YOUTH AFFECTED BY INTENTIONAL AND UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES?

NDE Grade 9-12 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

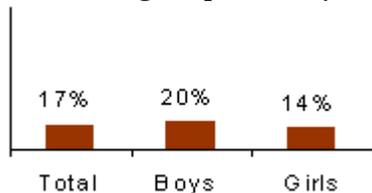
Percentage of students who rarely or never wear a safety belt when riding in a car driven by someone else



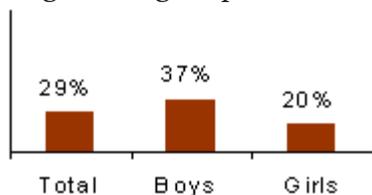
Percentage of students who rode in a car or other vehicle with someone who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days



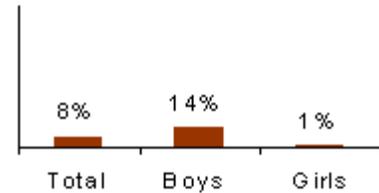
Percentage of students who drove a car or other motor vehicle after drinking alcohol during the past 30 days



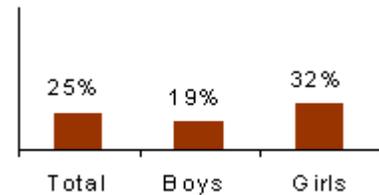
Percentage of students who were in a physical fight during the past 12 months



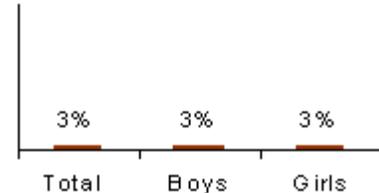
Percentage of students who carried a gun, club, or knife during the past 30 days



Percentage of students who felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months



Percentage of students who attempted suicide during the past 12 months, requiring treatment by a doctor or nurse



IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE

- From 2000 to 2004 in Nebraska, motor vehicle injuries killed more young people aged 15-19 than any other single cause.
- Among young people aged 15-19 in Nebraska from 2000-2004, suicide was the second leading cause of death and homicide was the third cause of death.
- Fighting, harassment and thefts on school property create an atmosphere counter-productive to learning.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEBRASKA'S SCHOOLS?

NDE 2006 School Health Profile (SHP)
(6-12 Grade Public Schools)

TEACHING

- Of the schools with a required health course, 72% attempted to increase student knowledge about suicide prevention.
- 75% of schools with a required health course attempted to increase student knowledge about violence prevention.

TEACHERS

- In the past two years, 22% of the lead health teachers **participated** in a staff development activity on suicide prevention.
- 63% of the lead health teachers **would like** a staff development experience on suicide prevention.
- In the past two years, 52% of the lead health teachers **participated** in a staff development activity on violence prevention.
- 67% of the lead health teachers **would like** a staff development experience on violence prevention.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Ensure access to confidential professional mental health services for all teens.
- Encourage parental involvement in schools. When parents are involved in schools, violent and antisocial behavior decreases.
- Limit the number of teen passengers in vehicles driven by teens. Teens driving alone are safer than in groups. Teen passengers increase the crash risk for teen drivers. The more teen passengers, the greater the risk.
- Provide professional development opportunities for teachers.

National Objectives

By 2010 . . .

Increase safety belt use to 92%.

- ✓ In Nebraska, 36% of students in grades 9-12 reported **always** using their safety belts; 30% used them **most of the time**; and 17% used them **sometimes**. (2005 YRBS).

Reduce weapon carrying on school property to 6%.

- ✓ In Nebraska, 5% of students in grades 9-12 reported having carried a weapon on school property one or more days during the past 30 days (2005 YRBS).

Reduce physical fights to 32%.

- ✓ In Nebraska, 29% of students in grades 9-12 reported being in a physical fight during the past 12 months (2005 YRBS).

Reduce the rate of suicide attempts in the last 12 months to 1%.

- ✓ In Nebraska, 3% of students in grades 9-12 reported a suicide attempt requiring medical attention during the past 12 months (2005 YRBS).

FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .

- NDHHS
 - Injury Prevention and Control Program (402) 471-2101
www.dhhs.ne.gov/hpe/injury.htm
 - Adolescent Health Program (402) 471-0538
www.dhhs.ne.gov/hew/fah/AdolescentHealth/
- NDE
 - Health/Physical Education/HIV Prevention (402) 471-4352; (402) 471-2109
www.nde.state.ne.us/pehealth/index.html
- Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles
 - Office of Highway Safety (402) 471-2515
www.dmv.state.ne.us/highwaysafety