High School students reported they...

1. Skipped school at least once because of feeling unsafe at school or on their way to or from school.  
   - 6% of heterosexual students
   - 10% of LGB students
   - 11% of students unsure of their sexuality

2. Experienced Physical Fighting.  
   - 23% of heterosexual students
   - 28% of LGB students
   - 20% of students unsure of their sexuality

   - 6% of heterosexual students
   - 17% of LGB students
   - 14% of students unsure of their sexuality

4. Were Cyber Bullied via social media, email, online chat rooms, instant messaging, websites, or texting.  
   - 13% of heterosexual students
   - 27% of LGB students
   - 22% of students unsure of their sexuality

5. Felt Sad or Hopeless in the 30 days before the survey.  
   - 28% of heterosexual students
   - 63% of LGB students
   - 46% of students unsure of their sexuality

Prevention is possible! Be the change in your community.

- Be a mentor or tutor.
- Volunteer at schools and in your community.
- Model how to respond nonviolently to conflict, stress, and fear.
- Notice good choices and praise them.
- Prevent minors from getting unsupervised access to firearms.
- Help prevent bullying and sexual harassment.
- Ensure school staff care about who students are and what they learn.
- Start or join a youth violence prevention coalition.

SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE relationships and environments improve EDUCATION, SAFETY AND HEALTH for all youth.

www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention
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For the 2017 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 14,956 questionnaires were completed in 140 public and private schools.  