

## Community Partners & Law Enforcement

- ◆ The Sheriff's Office can provide statistics on the types of crimes that occur in the area surrounding your child's school, and suggest ways to help make this area safer.
- ◆ Sheriff's deputies assigned to the many Community Oriented Policing Units participate in school activities as well as deputies that assigned as school resource officers. The Sheriff's Office has programs that are designed to teach kids about problem areas such as drug abuse, crime prevention etc.
- ◆ Community-based groups, church organizations, and other service groups can provide counseling, extended learning programs, before-and after-school activities, and other informative and informational programs.
- ◆ The Sheriff's Office can assist your child's school with developing a school safety plan.
- ◆ Many local businesses participate in adopt-a-school programs, and even serve as mentors to area students.
- ◆ Colleges and universities can offer conflict-management courses to teachers, or assist school officials in developing violence-prevention curricula.

## Sheriff's Office Precincts

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| Millcreek Precinct             | 272-5225 |
| Holladay Precinct              | 272-0426 |
| Cottonwood Precinct            | 944-1830 |
| Kearns Precinct                | 967-4420 |
| Magna Precinct                 | 250-1474 |
| Riverton Precinct              | 254-0167 |
| Herriman Precinct              | 302-2080 |
| Crime Prevention Unit          | 468-3901 |
| SLCO Graffiti Cleanup          | 468-2182 |
| Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency | 743-7000 |
| Emergency                      | 911      |



## Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Herriman Precinct



## Safer Schools

**CAN I MAKE  
MY CHILD'S  
SCHOOL  
SAFER?**



SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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743-7000

**W**hen crime, drugs and violence spill over from the streets into our schools, providing a safe learning environment becomes increasingly difficult. More students carry weapons and gunfights can replace fist-fights.

Many student must travel through drug dealer or gang "turf" and violence can become an acceptable way to settle conflicts. When this happens, children cannot learn and teachers cannot teach.

Creating a safe place where children can learn and grow depends on a partnership between students, parents, teachers, and the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office.



To help prevent school violence, you should find out how crime threatens schools in your community, take action to protect children, and promote nonviolent ways to manage conflict. How do these ideas translate into action? Here are some practical suggestions for young people, parents, school staff and other community groups or law enforcement.

### Students

- ◆ Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons.
- ◆ Report crimes or suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Office, school authorities and parents.
- ◆ Take safe routes to and from school and know good places to seek help.
- ◆ Don't use alcohol or drugs and stay away from places and people associated with them.
- ◆ Get involved with your school's anti-violence activities, or if they don't have one-start one! Hold poster contests against violence, hold anti-drug rallies etc.

### Parents

- ◆ Sharpen your parenting skills. Work with your children to emphasize and build their positive strengths.
- ◆ Teach your children how to reduce their risk of being victims of crime.
- ◆ Know where your kids are, what they are doing, and whom they are doing it with-at all times!
- ◆ Help your child learn non-violent ways to handle frustration, anger and conflict.
- ◆ Become involved in your child's Parent, Teacher Association (PTA), field trips etc.
- ◆ Work with other parents in your neighborhood to start a Neighborhood Watch program. Call the Salt Lake County Sheriff's

Office Crime Prevention Unit at 468-3901 for more information.

### School Staff

- ◆ Evaluate your school's safety Objectively. Set goals for improvement.
- ◆ Develop consistent disciplinary policies, good security procedures, and a response plan for emergencies. Contact the Sheriff's Office for assistance with these issues.
- ◆ Train school personnel in conflict resolution, problem solving, crisis intervention, cultural sensitivity, classroom management, and counseling skills.
- ◆ Work with students, parents, community-based groups, and the Sheriff's Office to develop wider-scope crime prevention efforts such as Drug-Free and Gun-Free school zones.

