



NATIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

Empowering Students Across the Country to End School Violence
(October 18-24, 2009)

STATISTICS SHEET

- Over one million high school students in America take a weapon to school at least once every 30 days. **
- 1.3 million high school students are threatened or injured with a weapon on school property at least once every year **
- 81% of school attackers tell someone of their plans beforehand ***
- 70% of youth said they would report another student who brought a weapon to school ****
- 83% said they would report another student if they could do it anonymously ****
- Over 50% said they would definitely or probably report even if people might think they were a snitch or a tattletale ****
- Only 3.3% said they would never report a weapon threat ****
- 52% of students know of an incident where someone brought a weapon to school. Of those, 61% did nothing about it *
- Over 75% of students in homes with guns know where a gun is hidden *
- 52% of students could get a gun if they wanted one. 35% could get one in less than a week. 15% could get one in less than a day *

SOURCES

*Benenson Strategy Group survey for PAX, July 24, 2001 **

*Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2007 ***

*"Safe School Initiative," developed by the US Secret Service and US Department of Education 2002 ****

*"Will They Tell? Weapons Reporting by Middle-School Youth," Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, June 2007*****