



PUBLIC SAFETY

TOOL KIT

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IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR A COMMUNITY TO

**HAVE DIFFICULTY COPING WITH TRAGEDY
AFTER AN INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE HAS
STRUCK THEIR COMMUNITY.**

When violence strikes communities, people may experience the loss of their sense of safety, their trust in those who live in their neighborhood, or their trust in local government.

Violence is preventable! Together we must stand up and call for peace in our communities.

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice has worked with several anti-gun violence advocates to develop this Public Safety Tool Kit. The Public Safety Tool Kit provides best practices for community members and residents seeking a comprehensive response to violence; outlining a variety of proactive strategies to help restore the basic need of community safety.

Please use these community-based approaches to combat violence, and use these to bolster healthy and vibrant communities.



HOW TO KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE YEAR-ROUND

SCENARIO:

Certain times of year, areas, or events coincide with high rates of violence...

What can you do to keep the peace in your community?

SOLUTION:

Occupy the Block/Occupy the Corners

Occupy the Block (OTB)/Occupy the Corners (OTC) is an effort to create a community-based presence in high-crime neighborhood areas. On designated weekends and/or special events, specific blocks and/or corners will be identified for community leaders, politicians, church leaders, and residents to stand on corners or circulate blocks in "hotspot" areas watching for any signs of violence, talking to residents, and creating public visibility on the streets. The positive presence will show positive community support in neighborhoods that are most plagued by violence.



SCENARIO:

Concerned about the safety of students travelling back and forth from school...How can you and other members in your community create a safe route?

SOLUTION:

Safe Corridors

Safe Corridors is a community coordinated effort to provide students with a safe route to and from school. Volunteer community leaders, community based organizations and local businesses are expected to act as the eyes and ears of the community – the job of the volunteers is to be visible (often wearing bright vests and/or identifiable clothing items) and positively engage with students as they are walking to and from school. Designated community based organizations and businesses will serve as safe havens, providing temporary shelter for any student who feels threatened on the way to and from school.



SCENARIO:

Want to promote peace in your neighborhood?

SOLUTION:

Go All In For Peace

Visit the New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Website (nyc.gov/allinforpeace) to instantly create and download your very own Peace NYC Poster.





SCENARIO:

Want to host a conversation in your community with the youth and other residents about the adverse effects of gun violence?

SOLUTION:

Host a Film Screening

Visit the New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice website to view three anti-gun violence short films, and learn more about how to host a film screening in your neighborhood:

- Triggering Wounds
- Voices from Within
- Guns Change Lives

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/peacenyc/join-us/watch-the-films.page>



WHAT TO DO WHEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INVOLVED IN VIOLENT ACTIVITY

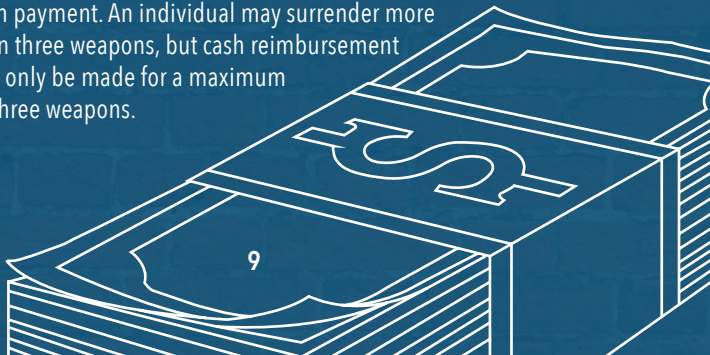
SCENARIO:

You or someone you know has a gun and wants to get it off the street...Where do you go?

SOLUTION:

Anonymously Turning Over Weapons

The Cash for Guns Program is a program in which the New York City Police Department will pay one hundred dollars to any individual, excluding active law enforcement personnel and gun dealers, who present any handgun. Individuals may bring any revolvers, semiautomatic and automatic pistols, sawed-off shotguns, or assault weapons that are in apparent operative condition, to any precinct, transit district or police service area (PSA). Weapons that do not qualify will be taken under the Cash for Guns Program, but will not qualify for the cash payment. An individual may surrender more than three weapons, but cash reimbursement will only be made for a maximum of three weapons.



Any individual turning in a qualifying weapon may do so at any precinct, transit district or PSA, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. No questions asked and no identification will be required, as the identity of all individuals will remain anonymous. Cash payments will be made only from the following Patrol Borough Cash for Guns Central Locations upon surrendering weapons:

<i>PATROL BOROUGH</i>	<i>PCT</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>
<i>MS</i>	Manhattan South	7th 19½ Pitt Street New York, NY 10013
<i>MN</i>	Manhattan North	26th 520 West 126th Street New York, NY 10027
<i>B</i>	Bronx	48th 450 Cross Island Expressway Bronx, NY 10457
<i>BS</i>	Brooklyn South	61st 2575 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223
<i>BN</i>	Brooklyn North	90th 211 Union Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11211
<i>QS</i>	Queens South	107th 71-01 Parsons Blvd. Flushing, NY 11365
<i>QN</i>	Queens North	112th 68-40 Austin Street Forest Hills, NY 11375
<i>SI</i>	Staten Island	120th 78 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, NY 10301

SCENARIO:

You have noticed a wanted person/fugitive is in your community...What do you do?

SOLUTION:

Anonymously Reporting Fugitives

In NYC, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and IP addresses are NEVER captured, tracked, or saved when reporting information to Crimestoppers. Information should be about a violent crime (i.e., homicide, robbery, stabbing, shooting, sexual assaults, etc.)

However, crimestoppers is always willing to receive tips related to any type of crime. When a tip leads to an arrest and indictment, YOU can receive an award up to \$2,000. (Reward amount based upon New York City Police Foundation committee review.)

For more information, please visit:

NypdCrimeStoppers.com

**Send a text to
CRIMES (274637)**





SCENARIO:

You or someone you know has a warrant out for their arrest...How do you safely turn yourself in?

SOLUTION:

Safe Surrender

If you or someone you know believes that there is a warrant out for their arrest in New York City, you can confirm or get information about arrest warrants issued by the New York City Police Department by contacting the County Clerk's office of arrest.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/1076/arrest-warrants>

If you have confirmed you have a warrant out for your arrest, it is best you consult the legal counsel of an attorney before you turn yourself in.

If you do not have an attorney and are in need of legal assistance, please contact the **Legal Aid Society** at 212-577-3300 or visit one of the locations below to access their services.

LEGAL AID SERVICE FOUNDATIONS

BRONX

Criminal Practice

Bronx County Criminal
Defense Office
260 E. 161st Street
Bronx, New York 10451
Tel.: (718) 579-3000

Bronx County Criminal
Courthouse Office Bronx
Hall of Justice Courthouse
265 East 161st Street
Room 599
Bronx, NY 10451
Tel.: (718) 577-8900

Juvenile Rights Practice

Bronx County Juvenile
Rights Office
Bronx County Family Court
Building
900 Sheridan Avenue
Room 6-C12
Bronx, New York 10451
Tel.: (718) 579-7900

BROOKLYN

Criminal Practice

Kings County Criminal
Defense Office
111 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel.: (718) 237-2000

Kings County Criminal
Court Office
120 Schermerhorn
Room 403E
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel.: (718) 243-6508

Kings County Supreme
Court Office
320 Jay Street
Room 1348
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel.: (718) 732-5577

Red Hook Community Court
88 Visitation Place
Brooklyn, NY 11231
Tel.: (718) 923-8286

**BROOKLYN
(CONTD.)**

**Juvenile Rights
Practice**

Kings County Juvenile
Rights Office
111 Livingston Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201
Tel.: (718) 237-3100

Kings County Family Court
Office
330 Jay Street
Room 3112
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tel.: (718) 732-5560

MANHATTAN

Criminal Practice

New York County Criminal
Defense Office
49 Thomas Street
New York, NY 10013
Tel.: (212) 732-5000

New York County Criminal
Court Office
100 Centre Street
New York, NY 10013
Tel.: (212) 732-5000

Midtown Community Court
314 West 54th Street
New York, NY 10019
Tel.: (646) 264-1306

**Juvenile Rights
Practice**

New York County Juvenile
Rights Office
New York County Family
Court Building
60 Lafayette Street
Room 9A
New York, NY 10013
Tel.: (212) 312-2260

QUEENS

Criminal Practice

Queens County Criminal
Office
120-46 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, NY 11415
Tel.: (718) 286-2000

Rikers Island Paralegal
Program
Rikers Island
14-14 Hazen Street
East Elmhurst, NY 11370
Tel.: (718) 546-5556

QUEENS (CONTD.)

Juvenile Rights Practice

Queens County Juvenile
Rights Office
153-01 Jamaica Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel.: (718) 298-8900

Queens County Family
Court Office

Queens County Family
Court House
151-20 Jamaica Avenue
Room A480-484
Jamaica, NY 11432
Tel.: (718) 883-8120

Richmond County Criminal
Courthouse
67 Targee Street
Staten Island, NY 10301
Tel.: (718) 816-5141

Juvenile Rights Practice

Richmond County Juvenile
Rights Office
60 Bay Street, 3rd Floor
Staten Island, NY 10301
Tel.: (347) 422-5333

Richmond County Family
Court Office
100 Richmond Terrace
(basement)
Staten Island, NY 10301
Tel.: (718) 981-6417

STATEN ISLAND

Criminal Practice

Richmond County
Criminal Office
60 Bay Street
Staten Island, NY 10301
Tel.: (347) 422-5333
Fax: (718) 816-0870

WHAT TO DO IF THERE WAS JUST A VIOLENT INCIDENT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

SCENARIO:

What you can do to denounce the act of violence in your community now?

SOLUTION:

Community Action Responses

Within 72 hours of the violent incident, community leaders can organize a demonstration at the location where the violence occurred. The more community members in attendance, the stronger the message can be that your community does not condone violent behavior.

Community leaders organize residents, local business owners, faith leaders, service providers and youth, conveying the message that violence should not be viewed as normal but as a behavior that can be changed.

During these events, community leaders should distribute resource materials and seek to host further events to convey the message that violence is not acceptable or normal.

SCENARIO:

You want to mobilize members of your community after an act of community violence...Who do you contact?

SOLUTION:

Create a Call/Text Tree

The most critical part of any community mobilization effort is to reach key residents and community stakeholders to provide brief, concise information and instructions to the community quickly and accurately regarding events. This communication procedure utilizes two common means of mass communication of pertinent information: text and "call trees". In order to build call trees for your community mobilization efforts, engage each community member to identify and maintain a network of at least five community members to text and call during times requiring mobilization.

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE HAS JUST EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

SCENARIO:

If you or someone you love is a victim of a crime, you can receive help...

SOLUTION:

The office of Victim Services offers compensation for innocent victims of crime.

For more information please call 1-800-247-8035 or visit ovs.ny.gov



SCENARIO:

Someone in your community has just experienced a traumatic event. How can you help them?

SOLUTION:

Safe Horizon's Families of Homicide Victims Services

If someone you know has just experienced a traumatic event or has been exposed to community violence, let them know that their family, community, and various organizations are standing by ready to help.

So how does it work? Safe Horizon's Families of Homicide Victims services have helped people cope with loss of a loved one to homicide by assisting them with an array of services, such as, supportive individual and group therapeutic services and will be able to assist you with the practical issues that arise, including funeral expenses and assistance navigating the criminal justice system.

SERVICES OFFERED BY SAFE HORIZON

FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE TO HOMICIDE:

ASSISTANCE WITH APPLICATIONS TO THE CRIME VICTIMS BOARD (CVB)

CVB is a New York State program that offers financial assistance to people who have lost a loved one due to a homicide. Survivors may be eligible for burial expenses and/or compensation for lost earnings.

ADVOCACY

As a liaison between families, police, offices of the district attorney, department of correction and division of parole, Families of Homicide Victims (FOHV) will help you and your family stay informed about your case.

ACCOMPANIMENT

FOHV will accompany you and your family to court. Safe Horizon offers emotional support and guidance on how to navigate the criminal justice system.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY COUNSELING

SUPPORT GROUPS

To get help, call our counseling center: 347-328-8110 or visit the Counseling Center page (<http://www.safehorizon.org/page/counseling-18.html>). Safe Horizon offers support groups for women coping with the trauma of domestic violence, for people who lost a family member to homicide, for incest survivors, for victims of child abuse and their non-offending parents, for rape and sexual assault victims, as well as others.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FOHV is available to educate communities and service providers on the issues individuals may face when they lose a loved one to homicide.

**Please contact the Hotline listed below to identify
additional resources to find support in your area.
866-689-HELP (4357)**

FAMILIES OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS PROGRAM:

SERVICE LOCATIONS

<i>BOROUGH</i>	<i>LOCATION OF BOROUGH COMMUNITY OFFICES</i>	<i>TELEPHONE NUMBER</i>
Bronx	2530 Grand Concourse, 7th Floor Bronx, NY 10458	(718) 933-1000 x 20 or x 24
Brooklyn	189 Montague Street, 6th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	(718) 834-6688
Manhattan	1753 Park Avenue New York, NY 10035	(212) 316-2100 x 6191
Queens	74-09 37th Avenue, 4th Floor Jamaica, NY 11372	(718) 899-1233 x 147
Staten Island	30 Bay Street, 5th Floor Staten Island, NY 10301	(718) 720-2591

SCENARIO:

You or someone you know has experienced excessive force, physical and/or verbal abuse from an NYPD officer.

SOLUTION:

File a Complaint via Telephone

Call 1-800-341-2272

File a Complaint Online

<https://www.nyc.gov/html/ccrb/html/complaint/online.shtml>

NYC CCRB Mission and Rules

The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is an independent agency. It is empowered to receive, investigate, mediate, hear, make findings, and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers alleging the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language. While filing a complaint it will be helpful if you are able to capture the precinct or command the officer is from, the shield number, patrol car number, or license plate to report the officer's misconduct.

MORE INFORMATION

For information about anti-gun violence organizations in your neighborhood, please see the list of our New York City Crisis Management System partners below:

BOROUGH ORGANIZATION & WEBSITE

Bronx	<p>SOS South Bronx-Mott Haven https://www.facebook.com/SOSSouthBronx SOS Morrisania https://www.facebook.com/SOSSouthBronx Release the Grip (RTG) at Urban Youth Alliance/Bronx Connect-East Concourse, Bronx http://johnjayrec.nyc/2015/04/17/releasethegrip Bronx Rises Against Gun Violence (BRAG) at Good Shepherd Services, Inc.-University Heights http://www.goodshepherds.org</p>
Brooklyn	<p>Operation H.O.O.D (Helping Our Own Develop) at Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island-Coney Island http://www.jccgci.org/contact Gangsta's Making Astronomical Community Changes, Inc. (GMACC)-East Flatbush http://www.gangstamackin.com Violence out of Brownsville at CAMBA https://www.camba.org/programs/health/violenceprevention Man Up!, Inc.-East New York http://www.manupinc.org SOS Crown Heights http://crownheights.org/sos SOS Bedford Stuyvesant http://crownheights.org/sos/bed-stuy</p>



Manhattan

Stand Against Violence East Harlem (SAVEH) at Getting Out Staying Out –East Harlem

<http://www.gosonyc.org>

Speak Peace Forward at Street Corner Resources-Central Harlem

<http://scrnyc.org>

Queens

Rock Safe Streets at Safe Space, Inc.-Far Rockaway, Queens

<http://www.safespaceny.org/safespace/>

Life Camp, Inc.- Southeast Queens

<http://peaceisalifestyle.com/>

696 Build Queensbridge at Jacob Riis Housing Settlement-Queensbridge

<http://www.riissettlement.org/>

Staten Island

True 2 Life at Central Family Life Center- North Shore

<http://centralfamilylifecenter.org/index.php/cure-violence-initiative>

To find information on youth opportunities and other services near you, please visit:

<http://www.dycdportal.nyc/discoverdycd/home>.

For any additional questions about this toolkit, contact the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice at:

PublicSafetyToolkit@cityhall.nyc.gov.

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