

5 Things to Know about At-Risk Youth by Cedric Dean

1. Early teens is the time of life when children experience the most defining increase in violence - both as offenders and as victims.
2. Pre-teens, boys and girls, are equally in danger from violence, but thereafter boys are at most risk of homicide and girls, sexual assault.
3. Youth who grow up in violent homes are more likely than other youth to become delinquent.
4. Children's attachment to school is a powerful predictor of whether or not they will be seriously delinquent.
5. At greatest risk for violence and victimization are children who live in high-crime neighborhoods where deadly weapons are common and readily available.

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