Youth violence is summed up to violence done by teenagers and children. Youth violence is harmful towards others and those intentions are clear. Many wonder of the causes and effects of youth violence because it makes lives unsafe and causes much disruption. The big question is, what can we as people do to stop and prevent youth violence? Not much some may say, others may answer that we can save one person at a time.

Studies show that some causes of youth violence involve an unfit home or the type of community you live in. Your surroundings have a big influence on you. If your surroundings are bad, your decisions will be to. The type of people you hang out with can also cause youth violence. Many teenagers are peer pressured into violent acts by the people around them, which most of the time turns their life around. Have you ever been peer pressured it is the worse feeling ever. You feel that you do not have a choice, like it is a life and death situation, and you have to decide to go with the person or persons applying the pressure or you loose your worth. That feeling is so powerful that it forces you to break underneath the pressure unknowingly. In some cases you may commit a crime and have no recollection of doing it.
There are many things affecting people due to violence. Some affects youth violence can have are injuries or even deaths. Violence can drive people to crazy extents, even taking a life. Another affect of youth violence is people getting mental health problems. When violence comes into a person’s life they may become depressed or troubled. In that troubled state one can do almost anything including violent acts. Youth violence affects lives in tremendous ways.

Personally, youth violence does affect my life. At night when I go out, I live in fear of getting caught in between violence due to the neighborhood I live in. It bewilders me. My curfew is also cut short due to violence. My mom finds it reasonable, yet I get upset. I want to stay our later but there are no guarantees that I will return, and this scares my family and me. Violence changed my life.

Many people are trying to find a way to stop youth violence. Youth violence affects people and this causes changes in emotion, and even there state of mind. People can join groups and committees to stop violence, because violence isn’t worth staying around. Sometimes I think if the youths stop and evaluate the consequences of their actions and the pain that results from their actions they will be more careful. Sadly youths do not stop to think, they just want to act.