Violence in Dorchester

Violence is an action that someone does to harm another. Violence is anything that is abusive. Violence can also be caused by mental abuse. If you call someone a name or offend mentally they would fight back physically. Violence can happen anywhere. You can cure violence with kindness. Things that cause violence are drugs, weapons, abusive parents, or people who have not been loved can cause violence.

The place with the most violence in my neighborhood is a park near my house. I usually go there to play basketball. I see people who are young and they do drugs. There is a school behind the park and people go behind the school to smoke or they smoke at the basketball court. My park also has a lot of fights. Most of the fights are caused by a basketball call or a lot of trash talking. Someone always leaves the park beaten up and bleeding. I love to go to the park and play basketball with my friends, but my mom knows there is a lot of fights and people who do drugs at the park. She is worried every time I leave and go to the park.

Another incident that happened at the park was my friend got into a fight. It was an afternoon in the summer and I wanted to go to the park. At the park I saw one of my older friends, his name is Josh. Later we began to play basketball and he “jokingly” pushed me in the air. I got up and pushed him as hard a truck. He later took a swing at me but missed. I pushed him again and he fell so I sprinted home after that. I was still mad and I wanted to do something. I went back and saw Josh but this time he was with two other older kids. I saw them playing football so I decided to join. They were giving each other signals that I didn’t understand. One of the other kids then threw the ball at me it hit me in the leg and he ran up and grabbed me and put me in a headlock. They were hitting me in the leg, and after the guy dropped me to the ground. I got up and they began to chase me so I ran home. I got my friend to come with me the third time. He brought a bat with him. We went to the park and the group of people began to taunt me and my friend pulled out the bat. I later find out Josh was friends with my friend. My friend began to
make fun of one of the guys. He got up and swung at my friend my friend fought back by pushing him to the ground. We got up and ran away.

At my park I see people who have weapons with them. There was one time when I was playing basketball with this group of people. One of the guys on the other team dropped a knife. Everyone one stopped and looked. I was scared when I saw the knife. I realized that some of these people could be in gangs and they fought a lot of people. I think they fight a lot because they have a weapon with them when they are playing basketball. I also see bullying that happens at the park. One of my friends was bullied by a kid from my neighborhood. We were playing basketball and there was a lot of trash talking. The kid from the neighborhood took it too far when he said something about my friend’s mom. My friend ignored it and kept playing. Later on in that game the kid from my neighborhood pushed my friend to the ground and he hit his head. The kid from the neighborhood said it was an accident when it actually wasn’t. After the push, my friend and I went back to my house and that was the end.

Violence in my neighborhood has affected my life because my mom doesn’t trust me. I’m not allowed to go to any of my friends house because she thinks they are dangerous. She doesn’t like it when I go to the park a lot because she thinks I will get hurt. Things that cause youth violence can be drugs, or abusive parents. We can stop youth violence by teaching people about drugs and how harmful they are. We could get kids to be more active and let them try different activities so they do not have time to deal with drugs. We can teach parents how to raise kids so they do not have to beat their own kids. We can have cameras on the streets to watch the crimes that happen. We could also have police patrolling neighborhoods with a lot of crime.