YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence has many causes, some more obvious than others, but all leading up to one thing, trouble. Some of the main things that lead up to youth violence is abuse at home, bullying, and teen relationships. Abuse at home could be physical or emotional, these could each affect the child differently. Meaning with physical abuse you can see the child with marks from everything that has happened to them. With emotional abuse the parent, or guardian has said bad and hurtful things to the child making them feel bad about themselves. When these things happen the child has a lot of anger they need to get out and the only way to do this is to take it out on others, causing violence. Meaning that they bully others and start fights with them and pick on them for no reason at all. Another cause of youth violence is bullying. If a child is being bullied the only way they can feel good about themselves is to take out their anger out on others therefore continuing the cycle of bullying. The last main cause is teen relationships. This has a really big impact on teens because kids at this age are usually boy/girl crazy and that’s all on their minds. The most common thing that starts fights with girls are their relationships. Things usually said have to do with the other girls boyfriends and the other girls flip out when they hear about that. With guys I think that its different because they don’t react the same when they hear that someone was just talking about their girlfriend they still fight about it but
girls are more catty about certain things and when it comes to their private life I know they take that very seriously.

I grew up with a mom, dad, and sister. We always has fun times together, our family was a whole we never had any big problems that changed us. No one was ever abused. I was never bullied to the point where I felt where I had to do it to others, and I don’t get into any drama with any relationships. So therefore youth violence has not really affected my life in many ways. It still has affected it, but I have never been involved with anything. I have experienced violence in my school. It was between two girls. It was about a relationship. One girl said something about the others boyfriend. The other girl found out what the other had said and she completely flipped out. At lunch one day the girl that has the boyfriend went up to the other girl and started to punch her until the point where there was at least five people trying to get them separated. The girl who didn’t expect the fight to just happen got really hurt but the other one didn’t. Each girl had gotten disciplined where they had gotten suspended. This has affected my life because seeing how two girls act when one little thing was said can be scary, to be able to see the fight progress when there was no need for a fight at all. Even though I was not involved with the two people, just seeing the whole thing take place can be a big impact on someone. It changes the way you look at the person. This whole fight could have been avoided if the two girls communicated.

There are many ways to prevent youth violence. Some of these ways to prevent youth violence include telling an adult, and helping someone if you can. If you know someone that could possibly be in danger you should not think twice to go to the police or go to an adult that you can trust to help in that certain situation. Also if you have a close friend
that you can help in any situation you should help them. If you are that close to the
person you should be able to talk to them about anything and they shouldn’t be ashamed
to tell you how they feel. You as a person should not judge anyone for anything they feel,
but if they are going to put themselves or anyone else in danger, never let the person feel
like did the wrong thing by telling you. There are many ways to prevent youth violence,
but these ways could be the most affective.