Checklist for Violence Prevention

**Do my family and I**

- □ understand the dangers of weapons, especially firearms, and how to prevent them?
- □ talk about the costs—personal and financial—of violence?
- □ think carefully about the kinds of entertainment we watch or hear?
- □ know and practice ways to settle disputes without violence?
- □ understand and practice basic self-protection strategies?

**Do my neighbors and I**

- □ know each other reasonably well?
- □ work together to make our neighborhood safe for children?
- □ agree on how and when to step in to prevent kids’ quarrels from becoming violent?
- □ discuss how we feel about weapons, including firearms, and what rules and standards we agree on?
- □ help each other by joining and taking an active role in Neighborhood Watch?
- □ know that there are good ways for our children to spend their time and energy after school?
- □ identify, discuss, and solve (or get help to solve) troubling conditions in our area?
- □ work with police, school officials, civic groups, and others to address larger issues for the community?
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Does my community

☐ have and enforce sound laws and regulations for secure weapons storage and against weapons violence?

☐ provide safe ways for residents to dispose of unwanted weapons’?

☐ actively provide resources and know-how to help residents learn how to solve problems without violence?

☐ provide mentoring and other outreach services to troubled youth and families?

☐ enlist young people in addressing violence problems?

☐ coordinate community groups to develop comprehensive anti-violence strategies and plans?

☐ have clear standards that reject violence as a presence in the community?

Add your reminders here!

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