



## WHAT SCHOOLS CAN DO

**Make Your School A Safe Place** – Evaluate the safety and security of the school environment and the quality and availability of resources to ensure safety.

**Increase Awareness** – Educate your students, faculty, and staff about the problems of domestic and dating violence in your community. Provide adequate training on signs that often accompany abuse, on victim’s legal rights, and on available resources.

**Review and Revise Your School Policy on Dating Violence** – Review your school’s policies and disciplinary sanctions to assess that violence against women and girls is treated as seriously as other crimes, with equally severe punishments.

**Develop an Administration Response to Violence on Campus** – Establish protocols to manage complaints of violence on your campus with care for the victim as the first priority. Your protocol should include a clearly defined process for providing assistance to victims and holding the perpetrators accountable.

**Coordinate Resources** – Identify and establish a network of resources addressing violence against women and girls in your community.

**Encourage Reporting of Violence** – Through orientation and awareness of programs in school, encourage students, faculty, and staff to report incidents of violence. Develop effective linkages between school and community law enforcement personnel.

**Provide Services to the Campus Community** – Support a coordinated community response to violence against women and girls; ensure that services are comprehensive and appropriate for the entire school community.

**Get the Message Out to the Campus Community** – Speak out against domestic and dating violence. Communicate expectations about appropriate conduct. Post information about available resources in hallways, cafeterias, bathrooms, classrooms, and other places students are likely to see it.