

# Working Together

Safe, Caring  
Schools,  
Families and  
Communities



Healthy Child  
Manitoba



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Putting children and families first

## Helping children and youth stay safe is a provincial government priority.

Part of the solution is giving children and their families the tools they need to stay safe in school and in their communities. We all play a part in maintaining safe environments.

In 2004, Manitoba made it law that schools must ensure safe and caring environments for all students. The *Safe Schools Charter (Bill 30)* requires schools to keep safety policies appropriate and current, with the assistance of a Safe Schools Advisory Committee.

Each school in Manitoba must have:

- a **code of conduct**\* that addresses
  - abuse
  - discrimination
  - bullying
  - use and possession of alcohol and drugs
- an **emergency response plan**\* that
  - controls visitor access to the school
  - responds to threats on school property
  - deals with emergency situations

Manitoba schools are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of young people.

\*A complete listing is located online:

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/38-2/b030e.php>

## Who do I talk to about my children's safety?

### **Safety at School:**

- The most important thing to do is talk to the people most directly involved – your child, teachers and school counsellors. Together, you will likely be able to solve any problems through discussion and mutual agreement.
- If the problem has not been resolved, speak to the school principal and ask for help or get referrals to other available school, or school division resources.

### **Safety in the Community:**

- Sometimes children and youth face safety issues on their way to and from school or in the community at large. For school-related issues, contact the school principal. You can contact the local police detachment to report community concerns and get help.
- If problems occur during a community sport or leisure activity, contact the coach or supervisor.
- If problems come up in an unsupervised area, if you know the aggressor's parents **and you feel safe**, contact his or her parents to talk about a solution.

## Where can I get more school safety information?

### **Your local school or school division**

For information specific to your school or division, call the school principal or your school division's student services administrator.

### **Safe Schools Manitoba**

For school or community violence-prevention workshops, call

Winnipeg: 233-1595

Toll free: 1-800-262-8836

### **Canadian Red Cross**

For workshops on the safety and well-being of youth, call

Winnipeg: 982-7333

Toll free: 1-888-307-7997

## Where can I find more community safety information?

### **Contact Community Information Resources**

For community resources useful in dealing with safety, violence, stress, addictions, mental health and more, call

Winnipeg: 287-8827

Toll free: 1-866-266-4636

Online: <http://cms00asa1.winnipeg.ca/crc/crc>

### **Support hotlines and contacts**

To talk about a problem, contact:

#### **Teen Touch** (24 hr Hotline for Teens)

Winnipeg: 783-1116

Toll free: 1-800-563-8336

#### **Kids Help Phone** (24 hr Bilingual Hotline for Kids)

Toll free: 1-800-668-6868

#### **Klinic Crisis Line** (24 hr Hotline)

Winnipeg: 786-8686

Toll free: 1-888-322-3019

#### **Facts of Life Line** (24 hr Hotline)

Winnipeg: 982-7800

Toll free: 1-800-432-1957

#### **Aboriginal Crisis Support** (24 hr Hotline)

Toll free: 1-888-962-6294

#### **Youth Emergency Crisis Stabilization System**

(24 hr telephone counselling, mobile crisis team, community resource referrals)

Winnipeg: 949-4777

Outside Winnipeg: contact your local regional health authority for direct lines

#### **Manitoba Farm & Rural Stress Line**

(Mon-Sat 10 am - 9 pm Bilingual Hotline)

Toll free: 1-866-367-3276

#### **The Family Centre** (information and referrals)

Winnipeg: 947-1401

#### **Youth Resource Centre** (24 hr)

Winnipeg: 477-1804

#### **Addictions Foundation of Manitoba Youth Services**

Winnipeg: 944-6235 (also provides contacts for outside Winnipeg)

#### **Native Addictions Council of Manitoba**

Winnipeg: 586-8395 (also provides contacts for outside Winnipeg)

#### **Manitoba Association of Parent Councils**

Winnipeg: 956-1770

Toll free: 1-877-290-4702

#### **Cybertip.ca** (Canada's National Tipline)

For computer luring/threats/pornography issues, call

Toll free: 1-866-658-9022

Online: [cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca)

## For further information about student support and safety issues, contact:

### **Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth Program and Student Services Branch School Support Unit**

Telephone: 1-204-945-8867

Toll free: 1-800-282-8069, extension 8867

Online: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/specedu>