

# CRIME has a big impact often on the very small



Each year, more than half of our children are exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities.

They are more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety, abuse drugs and alcohol, or have difficulty in school. And they may go on to commit crimes themselves.

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Learn how to take action to protect children. Visit the **Defending Childhood Initiative** at [www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/index.html](http://www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/index.html).



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