



## Classroom and Small Group Discussion for "Safe at School"

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use some or all of the following questions to stimulate a discussion about bullying and school safety with small groups of children.

#### **"SAFE AT SCHOOL"**

1. Melody thinks school safety plans involve crossing guards and fire drills. Are these the only things school safety plans can address? Why or why not?
2. Clare tells Melody that most schools are safe, but even good schools can have problems sometimes. What kinds of problems might occur in school?
3. Clare tells Melody that when bad things happen, like people getting picked on or their belongings being stolen, the school doesn't feel like the safe place it should be. Has anything ever happened at school that made you feel unsafe? What was it?
4. Melody tells Clare that she never uses the bathrooms near the gym. Are there places in your school that you avoid? Why or why not?
5. When Stephen arrives, he is wearing a "school uniform." What is his uniform like? Why is he wearing pillows and protective sports equipment?
6. Clare wants to help Stephen and Melody get rid of "bullying behavior" in their school. What are examples of some bullying behaviors?
7. Do you think kids should be involved in making their school a safer place? Why or why not?
8. If you were planning a project on school safety, what problems would you focus on?