

NATIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

Empowering Students Across the Country to End School Violence
(October 18-24, 2009)

ABOUT SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK



According to the Centers for Disease Control, over **one million students across America take a weapon to school each month**, and over 1.3 million students are injured or threatened with a weapon at school each year.

National Safe Schools Week gives students an opportunity to raise awareness around speaking up against school violence.

NATIONAL STUDENT DESIGN PROJECT: MIDDLE SCHOOL

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The National Student Design Project is a way for you to participate in National Safe Schools Week and raise awareness about safety in your community.

HOW YOU CAN ENTER:

Design a T-shirt that includes the SPEAK UP hotline (**1-866-SPEAK-UP**). The T-shirt can depict a symbol, pattern or simple image that is eye-catching) and contains a message promoting safety.

A handout with a blank t-shirt template and some tips about designing T-shirts can be found on the National Safe Schools Week website (www.safeschoolsweek.org). Submissions can be emailed to speakup@paxusa.org or mailed to:

Student Design Project
PAX/Real Solutions to Gun Violence,
100 Wall Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10005

RECOGNITION

- Every student who submits a piece will receive a prize
- T-shirts with the most outstanding design will be printed and distributed to the designer's class
- The recognized designer will also win a School Safety Package (a \$2,500 value) for their school

DEADLINE

All submissions should be in by **Friday, October 16**, and the top entries will be announced Friday, October 23.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Join our Facebook (<http://www.causes.com/speakup>) and Myspace pages (http://www.myspace.com/speakup_pax). During National Safe Schools Week, get 10 of your friends to join!
- Start a discussion with your friends and family about why you think it's important to have safe schools and communities.
- Visit the NSSW website for more information: www.safeschoolsweek.org.