

# Reducing Violence in Communities

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# Understanding violence

- What is it?
- Who does it effect? - individuals, youths, families, communities - all of us, directly and indirectly.
- Where does it happen? When? Why?
- What's the cost? And who pays?
- What are the causes? - alcohol, drugs.
- What can we do?

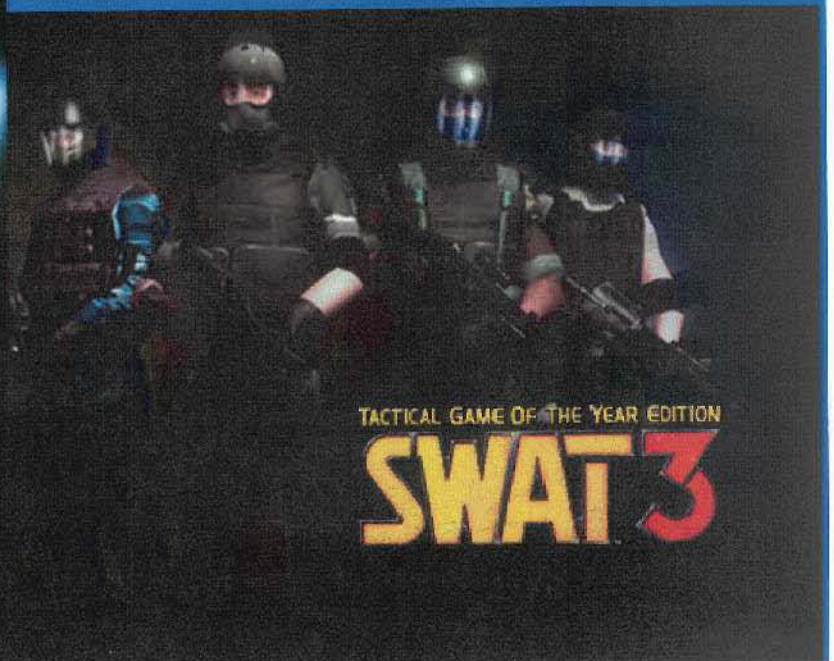
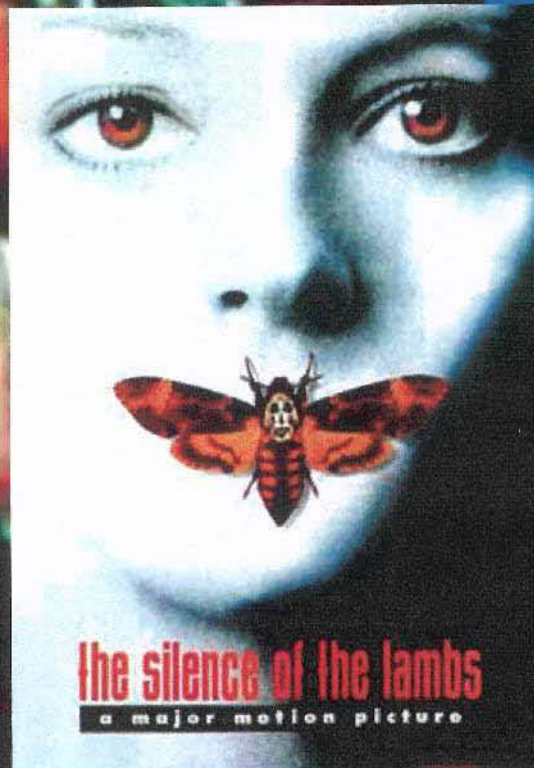
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Violence is ...

in our language,  
in our sport,  
in our entertainment,  
in our workplaces,  
in our homes,  
in our culture,

... everywhere!



# Thoughts about violence

- Numerous definitions of violence.
- Violence is complex, context specific and multi-faceted.
- Requires multiple interventions, from many agencies and groups.

# Types of violence



**COLLECTIVE  
OR GROUP  
VIOLENCE**

Occurs at the international,  
national and community level

Examples include terrorism,  
formal and informal gangs,  
groups or associations with a  
wide range of motivations

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**INTER-  
PERSONAL  
VIOLENCE**

Violence at the individual personal level.

Either between strangers (often associated with violence in public places) or in the context of family violence.