

## Q24 Teen Safety Challenges: What are the biggest challenges to teen safety?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Neighbor safety, gang membership, distracted driving	6/24/2025 2:08 PM
2	Understanding Healthy relations ships	6/24/2025 12:02 PM
3	Somewhere and someone who understands and has a plan an d actionable steps to help people who are not living the same reality as children who are safe.	6/24/2025 10:49 AM
4	Mental health	6/24/2025 10:19 AM
5	1. Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being Rising rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation among teens are major safety concerns. Lack of access to mental health services and the stigma around seeking help can leave issues unaddressed. Bullying and cyberbullying contribute significantly to emotional distress and risk of self-harm. 2. Social Media and Online Safety Teens are at risk of cyberbullying, sextortion, online predators, and exposure to harmful or violent content. Social media also fosters peer pressure, risky challenges, and unrealistic body/image standards, which impact self-esteem and decision-making. Oversharing personal information can lead to identity theft or real-world danger. 3. Substance Use and Addiction Teen use of alcohol, marijuana, vaping (e-cigarettes), and pills continues to pose health and safety risks. Substance use impairs judgment and increases the risk of accidents, overdose, and legal issues. Fentanyl-laced drugs have made teen experimentation especially dangerous and sometimes fatal. 4. Peer Pressure and Risky Behavior Desire for acceptance can lead teens to engage in: Unsafe sexual activity Reckless driving or riding with impaired drivers Physical altercations or fights Groupthink and impulsive behavior are especially common during adolescence. 5. School Violence and Safety Concerns Concerns about school shootings, fights, and threats create fear and anxiety for students. Some schools face gang-related activity, increasing the risk of violence on campus. Inadequate security measures or lack of adult supervision can heighten these risks. 6. Domestic Violence and Abuse Some teens face abuse at home, including physical, emotional, or sexual violence. Teens in dating relationships may also experience dating violence, which often goes unreported. 7. Unsafe Neighborhoods and Community Violence Exposure to gun violence, drugs, and crime in the community can put teens at physical risk and normalize unsafe behaviors. Lack of safe recreation areas or community programs increases risk of involvement in negative activities. 8. Distracted and Unsafe Driving Texting while driving, speeding, or driving under the influence are leading causes of teen injuries and fatalities. Inexperience and overconfidence make teens more likely to have accidents.	6/24/2025 10:10 AM
6	Social media	6/23/2025 8:12 PM
7	I don't work in that field	6/23/2025 3:36 PM
8	The hardest thing about teaching teens safety is their developmental inability to recognize their own mortality. It is very difficult to help a young person understand the value of safe behaviors when they believe nothing will ever happen to them.	6/23/2025 2:31 PM
9	Inexperienced drivers and access to guns	6/23/2025 10:25 AM
10	N/A	6/23/2025 9:33 AM
11	Lack of education	6/23/2025 9:29 AM
12	Do not know	6/23/2025 9:20 AM
13	unknown	6/23/2025 9:11 AM
14	Lack of information	6/18/2025 9:55 AM
15	Substance abuse, neighborhood crime, unsafe driving (distracted, using devices, substance	6/17/2025 7:39 PM

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16	Community Norms	6/16/2025 10:36 AM
17	Easy access to firearms, poor internet safety practices	6/10/2025 1:51 PM
18	access to information to increase safety	6/9/2025 2:21 PM
19	The lack of Parental Engagement and proper modeling.	6/8/2025 4:43 PM
20	Teens have a limited impulse control and need guidance and guardrails for them. Teens need and desire community and socializing.	6/7/2025 9:02 AM
21	Social media	6/6/2025 3:00 PM
22	Gun Violence, Bullying, Poverty, Substance Abuse, Stable Home, Lack of Parent Support. Lack of mental health access.	6/6/2025 12:32 PM
23	lack of parental support.	6/6/2025 11:53 AM
24	N/a	6/6/2025 12:43 AM
25	Access to positive teen spaces for engagement.	6/5/2025 5:47 PM
26	OUTSIDE INFLUENCE	6/5/2025 5:11 PM
27	Drugs, community and school gun violence.	6/5/2025 2:53 PM
28	unsure	6/5/2025 2:40 PM
29	Alcohol and drugs, texting and driving, lack of parental engagement and knowledge of what their teen is going through, bullying.	6/5/2025 2:30 PM
30	Not enough supervision	6/5/2025 2:09 PM
31	Suicide, Violent Crimes, Abuse	6/5/2025 1:22 PM
32	Environmental, financial	6/5/2025 10:15 AM
33	Guns	6/5/2025 9:58 AM
34	substance use and gun violence	6/5/2025 9:50 AM
35	Guns in the hands of minors	6/5/2025 8:29 AM
36	Access to teens through social media	6/5/2025 8:21 AM
37	Social Media and easy access to drugs and alcohol	6/4/2025 8:51 PM
38	KEEPING THEM SAFE	6/4/2025 1:50 PM
39	Bullying	6/4/2025 12:35 PM
40	Peer pressure	6/4/2025 11:30 AM
41	teens do not want to listen	6/4/2025 9:29 AM
42	na	6/4/2025 8:43 AM
43	guns	6/3/2025 11:39 AM
44	Mental health, suicide/self harm, substance abuse	6/3/2025 9:47 AM
45	Dangerous/unsafe neighborhoods.	6/2/2025 4:13 PM
46	Internet usage/Social Media platforms	6/2/2025 1:25 PM
47	Supervision	6/2/2025 1:19 PM
48	education, not listening, social media	6/2/2025 1:15 PM
49	Education	6/2/2025 10:20 AM
50	Unsure	6/2/2025 10:17 AM
51	Crime	6/2/2025 9:32 AM

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52	Lack of Education on sex, drugs, guns, etc	6/2/2025 8:38 AM
53	lack of parental engagement prior to teen years	6/1/2025 11:30 PM
54	Environment	5/30/2025 10:02 AM
55	Gun culture Fentanyl Online predators sextortion	5/30/2025 4:59 AM
56	drugs and alcohol social media	5/29/2025 9:23 PM
57	Vaping	5/29/2025 12:49 PM
58	Vaping	5/29/2025 12:09 PM
59	dont know	5/29/2025 11:53 AM
60	Drugs and mental health	5/28/2025 4:24 PM
61	Idk	5/28/2025 3:59 PM
62	Lack of mental health care, fentanyl.	5/28/2025 3:54 PM
63	Rising rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation among teens make mental health one of the most urgent safety concerns. Teens are at risk of being victims or perpetrators of community and gun violence, particularly in areas with high crime or poverty rates.	5/28/2025 3:41 PM
64	cellphones	5/28/2025 2:56 PM
65	Providing services in the home to build up the family unit.	5/28/2025 2:53 PM
66	Not having enough mental health resources. Why should it take MONTHS for a teen with depression and anxiety to get actual help? There are waiting lists 3+ months long just to see a therapist. This is unacceptable.	5/28/2025 2:34 PM
67	Access to firearms and lack of response from political officials to improve safety and awareness of gun ownership	5/28/2025 2:16 PM
68	NA	5/28/2025 1:39 PM
69	Impulsiveness (inability to self-regulate)	5/27/2025 8:34 PM
70	peer presure and lack of positive adult role modles.	5/27/2025 3:48 PM
71	Getting students to listen and believe in threats to themselves	5/27/2025 1:38 PM
72	Lack of parenting skills (protective capacities)	5/27/2025 8:41 AM
73	Teen literacy and Mental Health support	5/24/2025 1:16 PM
74	Distractions	5/23/2025 6:18 PM
75	Follow through	5/23/2025 1:53 PM
76	Lack of conflict resolution Easy access to guns and drugs	5/23/2025 12:40 PM
77	bullying, mental health, lack of parental involvement	5/23/2025 11:46 AM
78	Social media/misinformation and peer pressure	5/23/2025 10:48 AM
79	Drugs and firearms	5/23/2025 10:14 AM
80	Peer pressure	5/22/2025 6:50 PM
81	I am unsure.	5/22/2025 6:11 PM
82	Exposure to and participation in community violence.	5/22/2025 4:43 PM
83	drugs and alcohol abuse	5/22/2025 3:47 PM
84	Internet safety and lack of parental supervision.	5/22/2025 3:41 PM
85	Mental health, peer influence, and social media influence	5/22/2025 1:41 PM
86	Lack of guidance and accountability. Access to weapons Access to drugs.	5/22/2025 11:31 AM

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87	Idk	5/22/2025 11:26 AM
88	School bullying, depression, substance abuse, peer pressure, speeding, texting while driving, internet safety and risky behavior.	5/22/2025 11:26 AM
89	Being heard	5/22/2025 11:10 AM
90	Teens often time shut down and don't know who to talk with or are often embarrassed of their situation so they talk with no one so they don't feel safe with expressing themselves	5/22/2025 10:25 AM
91	Knowledge and awareness. Online bullying	5/22/2025 10:24 AM
92	Using illegal substances, Social media and the contacts they are making.	5/22/2025 10:09 AM
93	Idk	5/22/2025 10:07 AM
94	IDK	5/22/2025 9:40 AM
95	One of the biggest challenges to teen safety is unsupervised care of children.	5/22/2025 9:38 AM
96	Use of technology Drugs Violence	5/22/2025 9:30 AM
97	Social media	5/22/2025 9:26 AM
98	n/a	5/22/2025 9:22 AM
99	violent crime	5/22/2025 8:54 AM
100	Peer pressure and gang related activities.	5/22/2025 8:46 AM
101	Distracted driving. Mental health issues.	5/22/2025 8:23 AM
102	Drug addiction and guns	5/22/2025 8:21 AM
103	Environmental influences	5/22/2025 8:18 AM
104	Social unawareness and impulse control	5/21/2025 10:38 AM
105	Social Media	5/20/2025 1:51 PM
106	Online safety is the greatest challenge. Most parents teach their kids about stranger danger, but then let them connect with strangers around the world online with no guardrails.	5/20/2025 10:04 AM
107	I don't know	5/20/2025 10:02 AM
108	social media and staying glued to their devices regardless if they are on SM or playing games, surfing the internet. They are not engaging socially and aren't as active in sports or other outdoor/physical activities.	5/20/2025 9:02 AM
109	Need more Mentors	5/20/2025 4:20 AM
110	Community violence	5/19/2025 4:52 PM
111	IDK	5/19/2025 3:57 PM
112	Drugs	5/19/2025 1:30 PM
113	Social media and screen time.	5/19/2025 12:52 PM
114	Gun violence, drugs	5/19/2025 11:52 AM
115	Unsafe homes, neighborhoods and schools.	5/19/2025 10:50 AM
116	Gun violence, substance use, lack of education, social media	5/19/2025 10:40 AM
117	Positive Mentorship ; positive activities to keep them occupied	5/19/2025 10:34 AM
118	drugs, driving, suicide	5/19/2025 10:13 AM
119	Internet and guns	5/19/2025 10:11 AM
120	neighborhood crime gangs/drug use parental substance abuse	5/19/2025 10:11 AM
121	Vaping, mental health issues,	5/19/2025 9:57 AM

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122	Vaping, Bullying	5/19/2025 9:20 AM
123	teen vaping cell phones - distracted driving and access to pornography	5/19/2025 9:15 AM
124	Gun violence	5/19/2025 9:07 AM
125	safe driving, gun violence, drugs	5/19/2025 9:01 AM
126	I don't know.	5/19/2025 8:57 AM
127	Availability of guns and Glock switches; social media giving rise to bullying and mental health issues	5/19/2025 8:49 AM
128	Distracted driving, drug use, alcohol use, unmet mental health	5/19/2025 8:49 AM