

TOPIC: HOUSING AND SAFETY ORIENTATION (International Institute of St. Louis)

Activity: Personal Safety

Objective: Provide education and heightened awareness of personal safety concerns and issues

Materials:

- Sample police badge
- International Institute staff badge
- Photos of crosswalk “walk” and “do not walk” signs
- Photos of street signs

Process:

1. Begin with a discussion of previous experience of crime; encourage participation and get feedback regarding crimes that occurred in Kenya.
2. Identify differences of rural vs. urban life (for example, "urban life is faster; more people = more opportunity for crime; handles conflict with a formalized legal system and process).
3. Using a problem and solution structure, discuss:

Problem - busy streets and traffic.

Solutions - cross streets at crosswalks; stay with children at bus stops; meet children at bus stop; do not allow children to play in traffic; watch children when playing in neighborhood.

Problem - theft.

Solutions - keep money in wallet/purse, close to your body; do not carry large amounts of cash; keep important documents at home, if not needed daily; do daily tasks with others; use common sense such as avoiding shopping late at night; keep eyes alert to potential problems; avoid problem areas.

Problem - naivety; unwarranted trust in others.

Solutions - encourage cautiousness around others; maintain self-awareness in public places; treat strangers as strangers - do not go to their home, get in their car, or give them personal information.

4. Have participants identify other problems and possible solutions.