

Loss of control – when pupils become criminals



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Why schools are no longer a safe sanctuary for our children – A police inspector raises the alarm

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Petra Reichling is a detective inspector and deputy shift leader with the Düsseldorf crime squad. She is popular as a contact partner when the focus is on school crime and lectures at teacher and school principal conferences.

Youngsters steal from school mates, bully, injure and rape them. The shocking thing is that there is crime at almost all schools, regardless of the type of school it is or the social background of the children. Parents, teachers and principals are often out of their depth or they simply look the other way. The victims are left to their own devices and suffer in silence.

Detective inspector Petra Reichling has taken a closer look at this thorny issue. Using shocking case stories she discloses here the extent of what goes on in our school playgrounds almost every day. She analyses where the violence comes from and why it is on the rise, and she is very clear in what she expects from parents, teachers, principals and politicians.

An alarming conclusion – a stirring message!