



# How Safe2Tell Works with Schools

Safe2Tell offers schools timesaving resources to easily participate and educate students, parents and staff about the program. Schools may flexibly use either the statewide tip line or participate in their own local community program, whichever solution works best to help prevent troubling events and resolve criminal incidents on their premises.

Following is a brief overview of how the Safe2Tell tipline operates:

- Students, parents, teachers, etc. can call a toll free anonymous tipline - 1-877-542-SAFE - and give a trained professional call taker their information.
- Calls are answered 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week, and 365 days/year at the Colorado State Patrol communications center.
- The caller is given a code number to preserve their anonymity; their name is never recorded.
- Information is forwarded to the proper officials, whether it's the school, law enforcement, or both.
- All valid information received through Safe2Tell is forwarded for investigation, to law enforcement, schools, or both, as the severity of the situation dictates.
- Safe2Tell tracks the outcome of all forwarded tips.

When schools receive a tip, we're required to monitor the outcome of all tips and ask that the individual assigned to follow-up on the tip report back on the outcome (Safe2tell provides a Tip Disposition form):

- Was law enforcement involvement necessary?
- Did tip result in disciplinary action?
- Were parents notified?
- Did tip result in a positive outcome?
- Were alcohol, drugs or weapons involved?

Statistics gathered by this program will be aggregated on a statewide level, and won't be reported specifically to any individual school.

**State law protects the anonymity of the person who calls in the tip.** During an investigation, efforts are made to protect the anonymity of the caller. Tips received from the hot line are often forwarded directly to school officials, so schools may proactively intervene before a criminal incident takes place. The program is a tool all schools can use, by giving students, parents and others a means to anonymously report anything that concerns their safety.

If a school is dealing with an ongoing problem or a specific incident, they can advertise the tipline to students to report any leads, which then might help reduce the time and effort needed to resolve the situation. The very existence of the program in schools is a deterrent and can inhibit troublesome behavior from happening in the first place. Safe2Tell lets schools focus on educating children and providing a safe learning environment for kids to develop life skills.

If you have any questions regarding Safe2Tell, please contact: **Special Agent Susan Payne, Executive Director or Jo McGuire, Program Manager at 719-520-7435.**

## Key Benefits for Schools

- Proactive intervention prevents incidents before they happen.
- Anonymous tipline saves time investigating incidents.
- Tipline's existence inhibits & deters troublesome behavior.
- 24 / 7 forwarding of tips enables prompt action & reduces liability.
- Safe2Tell materials support quick & easy implementation.

## Steps to Implement Safe2Tell

To make the program successful locally, we ask schools to:

1. Display the posters we provide
2. Educate their students, teachers and parents about Safe2Tell
3. Reproduce educational materials to raise awareness in their school communities.