



# the Why

Targeted school shootings rarely happen without warning signs. According to findings in the Safe School Initiative report, in **81% of school shootings, at least one other person** had knowledge of the attacker's plan. Most of those who knew were peers of the perpetrator. This suggests **students often knew** about potential threats and safety issues, but failed to alert authorities about their suspicions.

If students believe that telling an adult about a dangerous situation will result in punitive action, they are more likely to keep quiet. If they think telling will result in getting help for someone, and that their identity is protected, they are more willing to talk and **break the code of silence**.

This is where Safe2Tell **makes a difference**: we provide a safe anonymous way for students, parents and community members to report concerns about their safety or the safety of others.



Initially started as a non-profit organization in 2004, Safe2Tell Colorado currently operates as a state funded program under the Colorado Department of Law.

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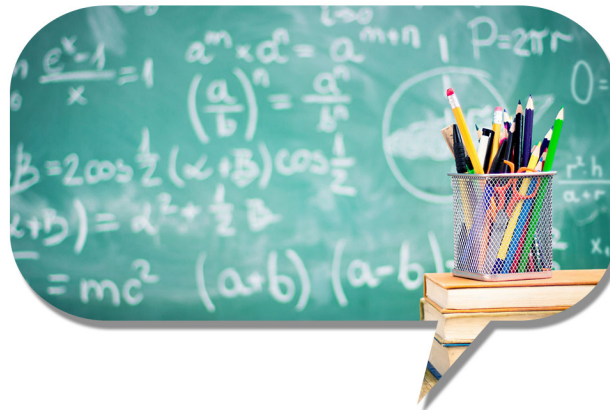
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Safe2Tell Colorado serves as the statewide bystander tipline for anonymously reporting concerns in Colorado. The tipline was developed specifically to encourage those with information about a possible event to report it. All reports are **anonymous**, with the reporter's identity protected, and each one is followed up to determine what action, if any, was taken.

Calls, web and mobile app tips are answered **24/7** at two separate Colorado State Patrol communication centers. Live answering points offer opportunities for **two-way dialogue** with trained experts, who document critical information in a Safe2Tell report. Reporting parties have the option to log back in to upload images, videos or provide additional information.

All information is passed along to the **local responders** for appropriate interruptions and interventions. Tips submitted give schools a way to gather key information about safety concerns and use this intel to create **effective interventions** in the lives of students. Predetermined, registered teams at each school receive Safe2Tell Colorado reports and are accountable for following up on every tip received, as well as reporting back the outcome of each report in Disposition Reports.



# the Law

Key components of the Safe2Tell Model include:

- **state law** protecting the reporter's anonymity;
- follow-up **protocols** to make sure reported concerns are dealt with appropriately;
- **education and awareness** efforts to improve school climates and perceptions of safety.

Colorado state law (C.R.S. Section 24-31-601 et seq.) protects the reporting party's anonymity, requires anonymity of the reporting system, and ensures confidentiality of information in all communications. Safe2Tell Colorado offers a multi-faceted approach to **sharing information** between schools and law enforcement as required by Colorado State Law (CRS 22-32-109.1(3) and CRS 19.1.303 and 304).

# the Education

Hanging a poster on the wall is not enough to encourage students to report concerns. Safe2Tell Colorado is successful because of its focus on education and awareness through intentional, influential **conversations with students**. Talking to students about what to watch for, what to listen for and what to report provides them a framework to identify potentially violent and concerning behaviors in their friends and peers. Conversations give students the knowledge of how to **report concerning behaviors** in way that keeps them safe.

Safe2Tell Colorado's educational resources actively change perceptions of speaking up early, identifying concerning behaviors and situations, and recognizing a system of support ready to intervene and offer help. The Safe2Tell message is one of **hope, civic engagement, empathy and empowerment**.

Safe2Tell Colorado raises awareness of the issues facing young people today and empowers them to be part of the solution. Safe2Tell Colorado provides training modules, **Conversation Jumpstarts**, as a tangible tool to create effective dialogue and build a relationship of trust between caring, committed adults and youth.

