

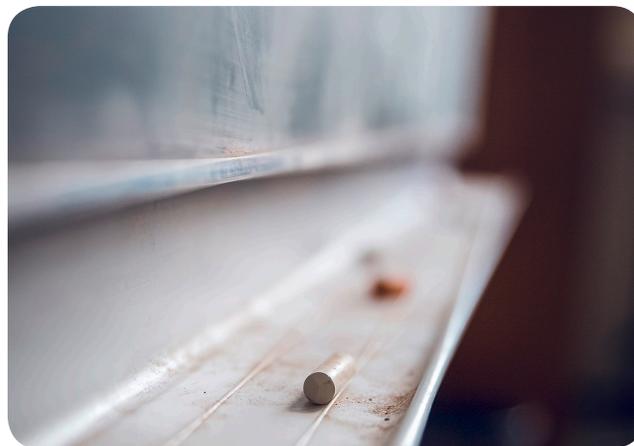
The How

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

Calls, Web and mobile app tips are answered 24/7 by the Wyoming Highway Patrol communications center. 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 intelligence to create **effective interventions** in the lives of students.

Predetermined, registered teams at each school receive Safe2Tell Wyoming 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 confidentiality;

Follow-up protocols to make sure reported concerns are dealt with appropriately; and

Education and awareness efforts to improve school climates and perceptions of safety.

Wyoming state law (W.S.S. 9-6-103(a)(ix)) protects the reporting party's confidentiality, requires confidentiality of the reporting system, and ensures confidentiality of information in all communications. Safe2Tell Wyoming offers a multi-faceted approach to sharing information between schools and law enforcement.

The Education

Hanging a poster on the wall is not enough to encourage students to report concerns. Safe2Tell Wyoming 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 a way that keeps them safe.

Safe2Tell Wyoming'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.**

Safe@Tell Wyoming raises awareness of the issues facing young people today and empowers them to be part of the solution. Safe2Tell Wyoming 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.





The Why

Targeted school shootings rarely happen without warning signs. According to findings in the Safe School Initiative report, in **81 percent 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.



Safe2Tell Wyoming currently operates as a federally funded program under the Wyoming Attorney General's Office.

Learn more at:
www.safe2tellwy.org

A partnership to engage key stakeholders and empower young people to be part of the solution of school and community safety.

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