



# Safe2Say South Dakota

## Make a Report. Make a Difference.



**Mission: Keeping South Dakota a Safe Place to Live, Work, Visit and Raise a Family**

# WHY?



In  
**81%**

of school shootings, someone other than the attacker knew before.

**4** out of **5**

teens who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs.

**5** out of **7**

of American teens with mental health needs do not receive needed care.

1. [https://rems.ed.gov/docs/DOE\\_BystanderStudy.pdf](https://rems.ed.gov/docs/DOE_BystanderStudy.pdf)
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/index.htm>
3. [http://www.nccp.org/publications/pub\\_878.html](http://www.nccp.org/publications/pub_878.html)



# What is Safe2Say South Dakota?

- Free anonymous K-12 school safety reporting system.
- Helps students, teachers, parents, and community members keep South Dakota safe.
- Helps identify and provide intervention for students in crisis before they harm themselves or others.





# Safe2Say South Dakota

## Helps prevent:

- School violence
- Unlawful possession of weapons
- Self-harm
- Other forms of victimization and threatening behavior

## Helps enable:

- School administrators and law enforcement to work together for effective interventions

# Connecting Concerns, Creating Action

Free anonymous school safety reporting system:



Safety concerns of students, teachers, parents and community members



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Local school contacts, law enforcement and/or other community partners



Outreach and support to student in crisis

# Safe2Say South Dakota:

## Offers Early Intervention

Identify and help a student who is struggling before they cause harm to themselves or others

## Empowers Students

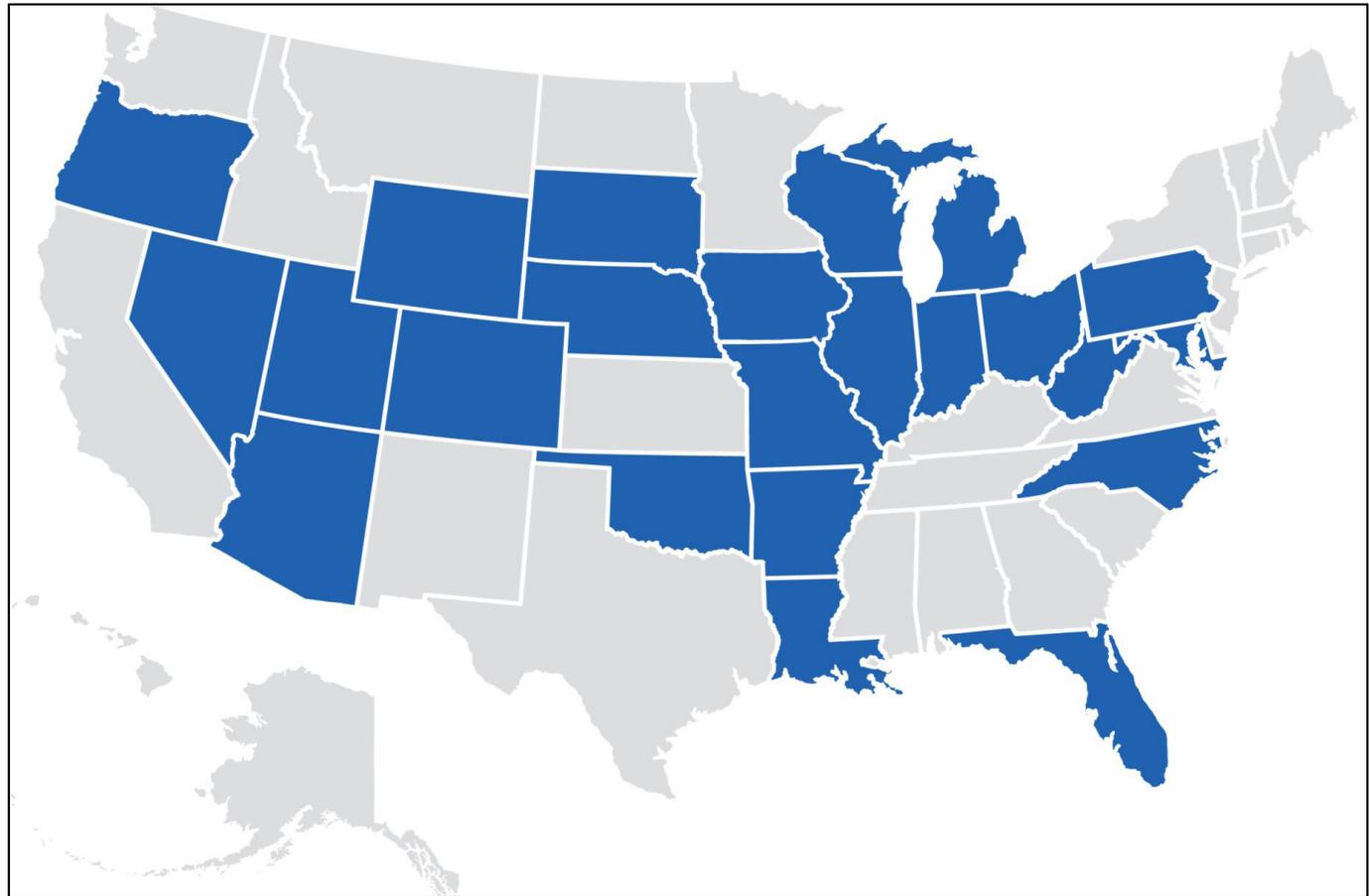
Advocate for your school and community by speaking out for others to play a role in keeping everyone safe

## Strengthens Community

Support communities in working together to prevent and protect against acts of violence

# Joining A Proven Model

South Dakota has joined a growing list of states that are making school safety programs a priority, including: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.





- While it is a school safety tip line, it is free to the public and available to any member of the public to report a safety concern.

Mobile

App Store

Google Play





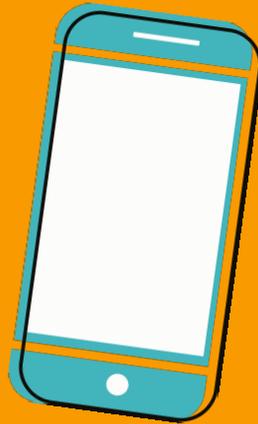
Web!



[www.safe2say.sd.gov](http://www.safe2say.sd.gov)



Phone!



1-844-3SD-SAFE

1-844-373-7233

# What can you report?

When someone is being hurt, self harming, or expressing suicidal thoughts.



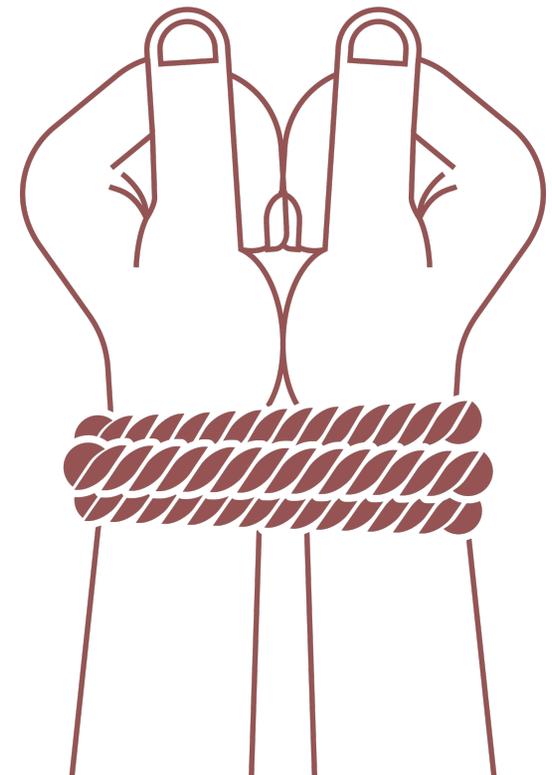
# What can you report?

If someone is saying something that scares or worries you.



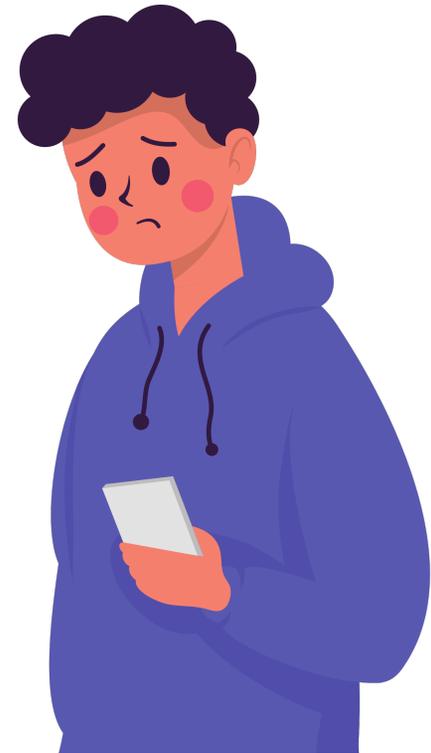
# What can you report?

When someone is in danger.



# What can you report?

When someone is bullying, sextorting, or cyberbullying.



# What can you report?

Or anything else that makes you or someone else feel unsafe.

Depression

Weapons on campus

Sexual Assault

Suicidal thoughts





# What to

REPORT

- Alcohol
- Assault/Intent to Harm Others
- Bodily Injury/Emergency Condition
- Bullying / Cyberbullying
- Child Abuse
- Dating Violence
- Depression / Anxiety
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs
- Fighting
- Gang Violence
- Guns / Weapons
- Hate Crime / Hate Speech
- Harassment
- Hazing
- Homicide
- Human Trafficking
- Location of Missing Child / Student
- Physical Abuse
- Planned Fight
- Planned School Attack
- Reckless Behavior
- Sexting
- Sexual Assault / Rape
- Smoking / Vaping / e-Cigs
- Suicide Threat
- Threats of Violence
- Theft / Stealing
- Vandalism



You can **make reports**  
to **Safe2Say** in the  
form of:

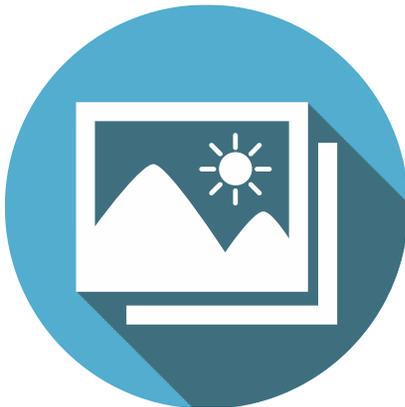
screenshot



video



photo



document



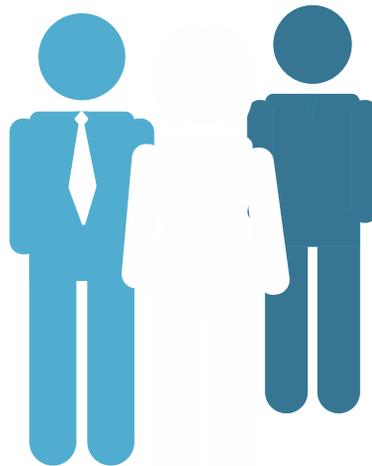
voice recording



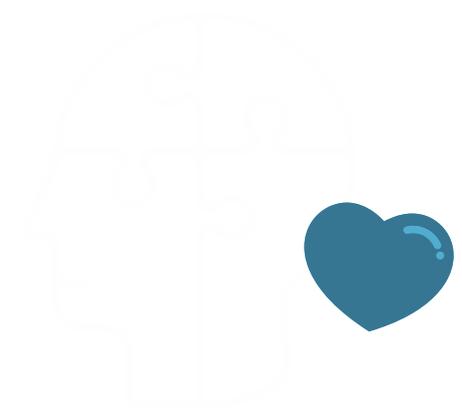
# Reports are handled by a diverse team of experts.



**Law Enforcement**



**School Administration**

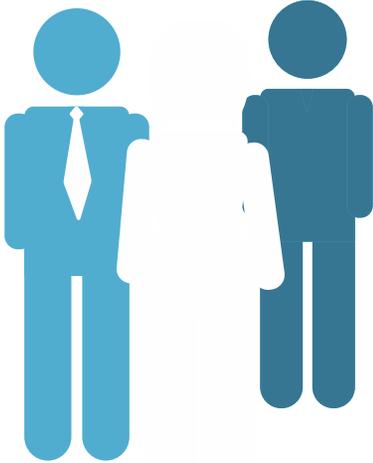


**Mental Health Professionals**

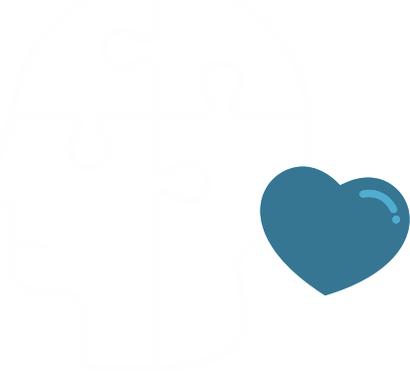
**This ensures that your reports are handled properly and responsibly.**



**Law Enforcement**



**School Administration**



**Mental Health Professionals**



## How it Works

**Tipster submits a tip from any web-enabled device or phone call. Gatekeepers engage in real-time dialog with tipster to gather timely and additional info. Gatekeepers vet the tip for validity and potentially sanitize the tip for anonymity. Gatekeepers deliver the tip to pre-defined recipients (School, LE Agency, Clinics, etc.). Content will determine WHO will respond to the report and how the situation will be addressed.**



- Reports will be read and responded to **24/7**.

# Lifecycle of a Report

The student in crisis or at risk receives the help they need BEFORE they ever get to the point of harming themselves or others.

The report is closed by the responding local school or law enforcement official.





## Goal of Safe2Say South Dakota

- To intervene at the earliest possible point in the life of a young person who is struggling, helping when they need it before the situation turns into a tragedy.



# False Reporting



- Safe2Say South Dakota is intended to be a school violence prevention program to save lives. The website, mobile app, and tip line should be used responsibly to report school safety concerns.
- Like misusing 911 or filing a false police report, knowingly submitting a false report to Safe2Say South Dakota could have serious consequences, including being charged with a crime.

**Thank you for your  
time and interest in  
the Safe2Say South  
Dakota program!**



Questions?

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Find more information about Safe2Say South Dakota and the South Dakota School Safety Center at: <https://safe2say.sd.gov/>

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