

What is **safe2tell**...

The **safe2tell** hotline is a Colorado Student Crime Stoppers program funded by The Colorado Trust that provides a safe, anonymous, open line of communication for our children, parents and communities. The goal of **safe2tell** is to stop crime, violence or potential threats before events occur and to solve crimes that have already taken place. The focus of the program is on prevention and early intervention.

How **safe2tell** works...

- Students call a toll free hotline and give a trained call taker their information
- The student is given a code number to remain anonymous
- Information is forwarded to the proper official (school or law enforcement)
- All information received through **safe2tell** is investigated

Why **safe2tell** works...

The key is the use of an anonymous reporting system that alleviates fear of retaliation. When critical information is reported to a qualified call taker, the opportunity for early intervention is possible. A Colorado legislative act protects the anonymity of anyone who calls **safe2tell**.

Why **safe2tell** is important...

School shootings

- In over 75% of the attacks in U.S. schools, other people knew about the attack before it took place (U.S. Secret Service, 2002)
- In over 66% of the attacks, two or more people had information about the attack before it took place. Usually the people who knew were friends or other students. (U.S. Secret Service, 2002)
- In only two of the attacks, was an adult told of the attacks before they occurred. (U.S. Secret Service 2002)

Bullying

- Approximately 60 percent of boys who were characterized as bullies in grades 6-9 had at least one conviction by the age of 24. (Olweus, Bullying at School, 1993)
- In 2001, 14 percent of 6th graders and 13 percent of 7th graders reported being bullied at school during the previous 6 months. (US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime Supplement, 2001)
- The percentage of students who reported that they had been bullied increased between 1999 and 2001 for all racial/ethnic groups except Blacks (US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, School Crime and Safety, 2003)
- In Colorado, 46 percent of young people have been hit, shoved, kicked or tripped at least once in the past month. (The Colorado Trust, 2002)
- During the 2003-04 school year there have been 43 violent deaths in and

