

Grade 6-12

Classroom Discussion



Note to Teachers

Thank you for taking the time to discuss SafeVoice with your students. This new program is a partnership between the Departments of Education and Public Safety designed to be another tool in the multi-tiered system of supports your school deploys to create a positive school environment.

SafeVoice is an anonymous tip report system that provides students, parents and faculty at your school with a trusted source to relay concerns about student well-being and school safety. In most instances of school shooting, one or more students at the school knew that the shooter was involved with guns.

It is important to provide students with the right information so they know how to use SafeVoice correctly. **It should be used responsibly and taken seriously.** SafeVoice's use goes beyond bullying; adults and students can also report threats of school violence and friends at risk of suicide,

self-harm, drugs and more. SafeVoice empowers students to take responsibility for creating a positive school climate by giving them a way to move their worries about friends, themselves, or school safety to trusted adults.

*Below are some suggested questions for a classroom discussion. **Please use your knowledge and discretion to guide the discussion in an age-appropriate manner.** Provide your students a chance to respond to each question. We suggest using this in conjunction with the provided PowerPoint.*

Note on video:

At the end of the powerpoint is a moving video from our partner Assistant Principal David King. It refers to Safe2Tell, which is our partner program in Colorado. Assure students that in Nevada it is safe to tell an adult using SafeVoice. and **Thank You**, Faculty, for your support of this launch!

What is bullying? Is it a problem at this school?

- *Teacher response:* Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among anyone that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.
- What are some of the ways this happens?
- What can students and faculty be doing about it?

Unfortunately, we all are aware that people use social media to be ugly to others. Are we talking about bullying here?

- *Teacher response:* Cyberbullying is the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. Reports show that more than 50 percent of students report that someone has used mean language to them online. When using apps like Instagram, Musical.ly, or Snapchat be careful that you are treating others how you would want to be treated.

You are feeling very sad, depressed and may feel like hurting yourself, what should you do?

- *Teacher response:* The first thing you should do is tell an adult you trust, such as a parent, your school counselor or social worker, or tell Safevoice. If a friend tells you something like this you should also tell an adult or someone you trust or use SafeVoice.

Your friend comes to school one day and tells you about being abused at home, but they do NOT want you to tell anyone. What should you do?

- *Teacher response:* Teacher Response: You should use SafeVoice. Safevoice is anonymous which means nobody will know that you told SafeVoice. Every time someone makes a report to SafeVoice it is taken seriously and someone will help.

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Your friend confides in you that she/he is dating someone who may be aggressive, saying mean things to them, or hurting them, what do you do?

Student responses:

- *Teacher response:* Ask your friend to go and see the school counselor. If she or he is too embarrassed, you can help by using SafeVoice. If you see or hear about any kind of aggression in our school, take responsibility for getting it stopped. Being an upstander means reporting that to an adult you trust. You can also tell SafeVoice anonymously and someone is always there to help.

What should you do if you are being sexually harassed and feel like you have nobody to tell?

- *Teacher response:* Tell SafeVoice.

If you see a weapon at school or know someone who is planning on bringing a weapon to school?

- *Teacher response:* Tell an adult or report it to SafeVoice immediately. You may well be the person who saves lives. In most school shootings, one or more students knew the shooter was involved with guns, but they did not tell.

Contacting SafeVoice

Safevoice can be used on your phone or computer and is also on all school computers and tablets.

SafeVoice app  

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