



TEAM UP FOR SCHOOL SAFETY



Safe and Sound Students
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When starting down the path to becoming a school safety advocate, it can be hard to recruit other students to join the Safe and Sound Youth Council. Until you have enough students interesting in joining, consider reaching out to existing clubs or organizations to get involved in a school safety service project.

Where to Start...

HERE ARE SOME POSSIBLE GROUPS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER APPROACHING:

- Student council members/ Student body officers
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Gender Sexuality Alliance/ Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
- PTA/PTO (Parent Teacher Association/Organization)
- Sports teams (i.e. basketball team, football team, or cheerleading squad)
- Community service-focused clubs
- Any other clubs you can think of that might be willing to get involved!

As you approach these different clubs and organizations, it is important to mention all the ways getting involved could help participating students and their schools.

HERE ARE A FEW KEY POINTS TO MENTION:

School safety affects all of us and it's important for you to get involved and do your part.

Participation looks great on your college application.

You care about school safety, so why not get involved!

As students, we are the eyes and ears of the school, so let's put our knowledge to good use.

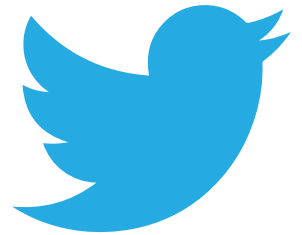


Having trouble? Even if you are not able to find others to help you with your cause, there is still so much **YOU** can do!

Ideas for One

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Start your own school safety social media campaign. Join the movement and share how you choose to get involved in school safety. Make sure to use the #IChooseTo hashtag on social media to keep us in the loop. If you would like to launch your own campaign include the #SASS hashtag so we can see your great work!

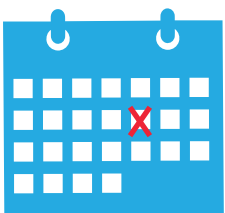


SCHOOL SAFETY IN CLASS

If you need to do any outside reading for an assignment or project in school, look at our resource page. If your assignment is to look up current events, you can use articles you find about another school doing something positive for school safety on our website as well.

ASSESS SURVEY

Develop a survey to assess safety concerns and needs in your community. Focus on a specific group or several stakeholders (e.g. students, parents, educators, emergency responders). Analyze the results to develop a list of priorities and possible projects that you can then present to your school administration.



SAFETY DAY

Organize and host a Safety Day, School Safety Social, or Campus Safety Fair. Invite community leaders and safety professionals (such as school resource officers, school nurses, counselors, EMTs, police officers, and firefighters) to speak about safety topics like CPR, first aid, bullying prevention, cyber-safety, security, fire safety, and their careers as professionals in these areas.

SAFETY APPS

Enhance emergency notification and communication. Develop an app or research and recommend an existing app to support your school's established school safety protocols.

APP



FUNDRAISE

Plan to raise funds for initiatives, projects, or facilities improvements in your school community or a neighboring school system in need. Consult your district safety team to learn where funding is most needed. Reach out to school administrators to find out what kind of fundraising activities are allowed (such as car washes, bake sales, 5K races, and online fundraising).

LEARN AND LISTEN

Talk to resource officers, administrators, and teachers to learn how you can support their efforts and needs. You would be surprised how much a high school student can often do to provide the volunteer hours needed to create a forum for safety information to be thoughtfully discussed by all stakeholders.



ANONYMOUS TIP LINES

Research if your state or community has a Tip Program. If there is one in place, find out how you can help students learn about it and conduct an education/awareness campaign. If there is no Tip Program, research existing programs and advocate within your district, community, and/or state for one to be implemented.

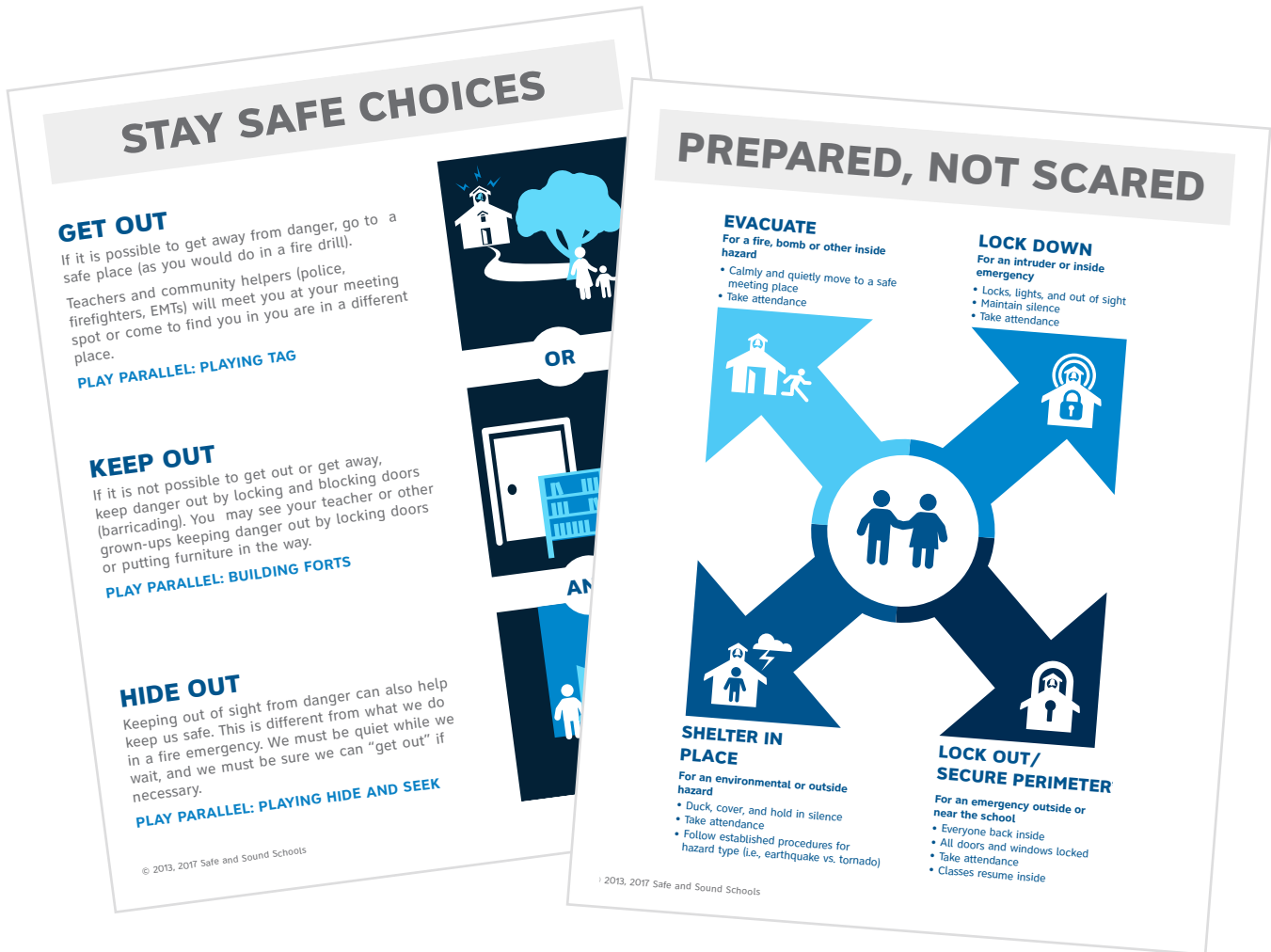
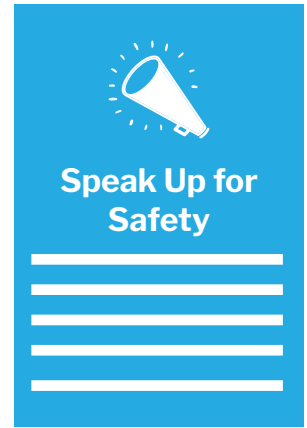
Look for our **“See or Know Something? Tips for Safety Reporting”** infographic to learn about what to report, how to report, and how you can get others involved.



CREATE POSTERS

Create posters with eye-catching graphics and phrases. Some ideas:

- “Speak Up for Safety!” with directions for reporting a safety concern in your school.
- “Stomp Out Bullying” with information about your school’s policy about bullying.
- “Know Your Options” offering a list of established emergency choices such as our “Stay Safe Choices” tool in our ACT toolkit.
- “Prepared, Not Scared,” a tool for teaching basic emergency protocols (that’s also in the ACT toolkit).



In the end, know that **your voice matters**. You have the power to create change. And now you can put your power and positive energy toward being school safety advocate.

