

What if you could help prevent things like bullying, sexual harassment, drug abuse and violence in our schools?

Now you can with **1-866-SAFE-WVA**

Here are some other important numbers:

WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:
304-558-5380

WV State Police:
304-746-2100

Child & Adult Abuse Hotline:
1-800-352-6513

Hate Crimes Hotline:
1-888-676-5546

Suicide Prevention Hotline:
1-800-273-8255

Drug Abuse and Referral Hotline:
1-800-662-4357

West Virginia Safe Schools Helpline

1-866-SAFE-WVA

1-866-723-3982

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Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management

West Virginia Safe Schools Helpline

The Governor's Helpline for Safer Schools

A simple way for **YOU** to help keep our schools and children safe!

The West Virginia Safe Schools Helpline is:

- Free
- Anonymous
- Operated 24/7



What is the Safe Schools Helpline?

A toll free phone number that anyone can call to report information that may have a negative impact on students, staff or property at any school in West Virginia.

- **It is staffed 24/7** – so a person will always answer, never a recording.
- **It's a statewide number** – so no matter what school the information concerns or where you are located when calling, it's the same number.
- **It's free** – from within and outside of the state's borders.
- **It is anonymous** – your identity will always be protected and remain private.

It is YOUR responsibility to help keep YOUR community safe

What kind of information should be reported?

Anything that could harm students, staff or property. Some examples include:

- Violence
- Weapons
- Threats
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Sexual harassment
- Theft or property damage

Who should call the Helpline?

This helpline is here for EVERYONE. Some people that might use it are:

- Students
- Teachers
- School staff
- Parents
- Neighbors
- Administrators
- Community members

What questions will I be asked when I call?

Things like:

- What are you reporting? Describe the situation.
- When did the incident occur/when is it expected to occur?
- At what school?
- Can you identify the suspect?
- How can we contact you? (optional)

How will I know what actions my call prompted?

Each call is issued a reference number. After three school days, if you call the toll-free Helpline back and provide that reference number, the operator will give you a status report on actions taken based on your information.

Children must feel safe in order to focus on learning

