

Today... You will learn how to **SAY SOMETHING to PROTECT** yourself, classmates and community and help PREVENT violence suicides and threats.





2-ACT IMMEDIATELY. Fake if SERIOUSLY!



3 - SAY SOMETHING to a TRUSTED adult



In a nationally representative sample of 9th -12th grade students

WE CAN DO BETTER!

17% seriously considered suicide

19% were bullied on school property

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32%

reported being sad or hopeless for 2 or more weeks in the last 12 months 15% were electronically bullied

Center for Disease Control and Prevention. 2017 Risk Behavior Survey Data.

GOOD NEWS... Individuals often show warning signs and share information BEFORE they are violent, attempt suicide or make threats

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There are steps you can take to PROTECT yourself, classmates and community and help

suicides and threats...

PREVENT violence



In 3 separate studies, researchers found...

37% of threats of violence were sent electronically



Trump, K. The 2015 School Threat Study Report

77% of active shooters spend a week or longer planning their attack.*

In nearly every case, warning signs were given.**

*A Study of the Pre-Attack Behaviors of Active Shooters in the United States Between 2000-2013. Federal Bureau of Investigation. **The Safe School Initiative. The US Department of Education and the US Secret Service, National Threat Assessment Center. 70% of people who complete suicide tell someone their plans or give some other warning sign.





LOOK for warning signs, signals & threats.

ACT immediately. Take it seriously.

TEACH'YOU how to:

SAY something to a trusted adult.

REDUCING violence, threats & tragic consequences.

we will get

CREATING safer, healthier schools & communities.





WHAT IS A WARNING SIGN?

Thoughts, feelings and behaviors that SHOW significant change and that an individual may be in NEED OF HELP



WHAT IS A WARNING SIGN?

- Withdrawal from others
- Bullying or Hitting
- Negative Role Models
- Excessive Anger
- Extreme mood changes
- Feelings of rejection

- Thoughts or plans of harming self or others
- Blames others for own failures
- Fear of riding the bus / going to school
- Will not forgive or forget the wrongs of other people
- A big personality change
- Feelings of isolation
- Dramatic changes in physical appearances

Gestures or ACTIONS that can be either OBVIOUS or UNCLEAR

WHAT IS A WARNING SIGNAL?



WHAT IS A WARNING SIGNAL?

- Give away possessions
- Fascination with suicide
- Rigid beliefs
- Brag about access to guns
- Fascination with weapons
- Fascination with school shootings

- Fascination and/or writings and drawings of death
- Recruit friend to join an attack
- Warn a friend to stay away from school or an event
- Bragging about an upcoming attack



When a person communicates an intent to HARM themselves or someone else

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HAT IS A THREAT?

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- "Somebody should do that here." (supporting violent act)
- "Someone should blow this place up."
- "Life isn't worth living."

WHAT IS A THREAT?

- "I am going to take her and her friends out."
- "You'd be better off without me."
- "They will regret they ever met me."

WHERE are WARNING SIGNS, SIGNALS and THREATS found?



SOCIAL media is a MAIN SOURCE of signs, signals and threats, followed by hallways, lunchrooms and classrooms.



IN WHAT FORM ARE THEY FOUND?

SPOKENPHOTOSVIDEOS

WRITTEN

 GESTURES
ACTIONS & BEHAVIORS

ARTWORK



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IN WHAT FORM ARE THEY FOUND?



(No Subject)

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I'm sorry to those who I offended over the years. I'm blind to see that I, as a human being, suck. I'm an individual who is doing an injustice to the world and it's time for me to leave. Please don't ever feel sorry for me, or cry - because I had an opportunity at life and that opportunity is over. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to love someone or have someone love me. I guess it's best though, because now I leave no pain onto anyone. The kids in school are right, I am a loser, a freak, and a fag and in no way is that acceptable for people to deal with. I'm sorry for not being a person that would make someone proud.

@Jsomeone needs to fi find you and assassinate you. like, seriously. you get off by f the truth. i should do it.



.will.die Enjoy your fame on the news... Your life is very short sweetheart, this is your last week! Times up!!









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IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE. YOU CAN ALSO HELP WITH OTHER PROBLEMS.

May have an eating disorder

Substance abuse or addiction problem

Bullying or

being bullied

May be a sexual predator/Being preyed on

Abusing or being abused (verbally/ physically)

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WHEN SHOULD YOU ACT? when you SEE, HEAR OR READ a warning sign, signal or threat, MANNED ATTEMPT

and seek help.



WHAT DELAYS ACTING IMMEDIATELY?

- "We all spoke to him and he said he would never do that."
- "I thought someone else would tell someone."
- "I thought they would feel better tomorrow."
- "They are too young to hurt themselves or others."

- "He just wants attention. It's not real."
- "I would say something if it was a big enough deal."
- "I am waiting for the right moment to say something."
- "If he was going to do something, why would he announce it publicly?"

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act IMMEDIATELY TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!

- Students of all ages can Act Immediately and Take It Seriously
- Let YOUR TRUSTED ADULT decide the seriousness of the sign, signal or threat
- Individuals often announce their planned actions

Be an upstander, not a bystander

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WHAT STOPS ACTING IMMEDIATELY?

If you tell on someone, you will be called a traitor, rat and/or at risk of being alienated or physically

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hurt.

- Getting someone help for their own safety and well-being and to protect yourself and others from harm.
- You want to help them.

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• Purposely trying to get someone in trouble for your own gain.

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• You want to get them in trouble.



• When you act, you could save someone's life or the lives of others

act IMMEDIATELY

TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!

- When you do not act you risk losing a friend or a classmate
 - Individuals want to be helped they may not understand that they need it, or don't know how to get it



3 - SAY SOMETHING to a TRUSTED adult



WHO DO I Say something to?

SAY SOMETHING to a trusted adult. They have the experience and knowledge to get help for an individual.

> If there is an immediate life threatening situation, follow your school's steps and/or dial 911, then seek a trusted adult for assistance.

Say



HOW to have a CONVERSATION Go to a Trusted Adult immediately and bring any texts, photos, videos or other communication you have available. If the conversation was spoken, then write down what you heard when you meet with a Trusted Adult.



HOW to have a CONVERSATION

"I must talk to you about (name of individual)" "She/He has threatened (explain)"

"I am noticing (explain) warning signs or signals."

Share support or personal notes

"I need your help now to get her/him help."

Share where an adult can find the individual, parent's name and contact information (if known)



why SAY SOMETHING? You are the eyes and ears of our school.



why SAY SOMETHING? You see and hear things others don't.



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