Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS)
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the purpose of the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System?**
   The Say Something Anonymous Reporting System is a platform and safe space for students and concerned adults to provide information about individuals threatening or displaying at-risk behaviors for potential violence or self-harm.

2. **Is Sandy Hook Promise a political organization?**
   Sandy Hook Promise is comprised of two organizations:
   - the Foundation, which is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that develops and delivers community based "Know the Signs" programs and research, and
   - the Action Fund, which is a 501c4 organization focused on writing and passing nonpartisan state and federal legislation promoting gun safety, youth mental health, and violence prevention education for schools.

3. **Is SS-ARS focused on gun control?**
   No. SS-ARS does not have stake in gun control nor 2nd amendment rights. Sandy Hook Promise's mission is centered around preventing all forms of violence, not just gun violence. We focus on promoting mental health awareness, fostering community connections, and implementing evidence-informed violence prevention programs in schools and communities.

   We recognize that violence prevention requires a comprehensive strategy that addresses mental health, social-emotional learning, and community engagement. By focusing on early intervention and building a culture of inclusivity and support, they aim to prevent all forms of violence, including gun violence.

4. **Is the Tipster able to track the progress of the tip?**
   The "Tipster" cannot track the progress of a tip. The Tipster can only report the concern and then the district/school team, and 911 dispatch officials (as needed) assess, intervene, and get help if needed. No communication is made back to the Tipster unless more information is required.

5. **How does the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System ensure there are no false tips about a student?**
   Like all tip lines we are subject to prank tips. Of all tips received by the Crisis Center about 3% are deemed to be a prank/hoax tip. The Crisis Center has a thorough vetting process for validity and standard protocol of how false tips are handled.

6. **What are some of the most common tip events reported through the Crisis Center?**
    - Vaping & Substance Abuse
    - Anxiety & Depression
    - Cutting
    - Bullying/Cyber-Bullying
    - Suicide Threat/Ideation
    - Planned School Fights / Attacks

7. **What protocols are in place to allow for protection of an at-risk student?**
   This program has been adopted by your school district and therefore falls under its existing policies and procedures and/or student handbook guidelines. We strongly recommend that you review these documents and meet with officials to learn more about student protections.

8. **How are the reports tied to a child's permanent school record?**
   School districts own all tip data, and the data is protected by the same state and federal laws as existing school records.

9. **Can parents/guardians use the system to report threats/concerns?**
   Yes. Parents or guardians can report any threats or concerns they may have heard from their child or be witnessing themselves. There are three ways their concerns can be reported; through the Say Something app (free to download through the App Store and Google Play store), the website at SaySomething.net, or by phone at 1-844-5-SAYNOW (or 1-844-572-9669).

10. **How does the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System ensure tracking and accountability of the school administration, law enforcement and the Crisis Center itself?**

    SS-ARS does not have governance over school districts nor local law enforcement. Tips and its related information are passed to the district/school and 911 (as needed) to act upon at the local level. Once passed, these entities address it as they normally would with any issue, anonymous or not, that is shared with them. In terms of the SS-ARS Crisis Center and its Crisis Counselors, we have well-defined protocols and procedures that are regularly reviewed and refined as needed.