📢 Why You May Receive a Future Notification About Weapon Possession

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> 📋 **Pennsylvania Senate Bill 246 (Act 44 of 2025)**
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> Schools are now required to notify families within 24 hours whenever a weapon or potential weapon is found on school property, at school events, or on school transportation.

⚠️ Accidental Items Still Count as Weapons

Many families are surprised to learn that even unintentional possession of small or everyday tools is considered a violation under PA law.

📨 Why You May Receive a Notice

- A student unintentionally brings a pocket knife or tool to school
- A prohibited item is found during routine bag checks or classroom cleaning
- A student shows or reports possession of an item they didn't realize was prohibited
- Any object capable of causing harm is discovered

The law requires notification even when:

- The student had no harmful intent
- The situation was minor
- The item was confiscated immediately

👮 How Schools Respond

- Threat Assessment Team evaluates the situation
- Law Enforcement is notified according to PA law
- Safety protocols are implemented
- Disciplinary action is applied per district policy and state requirements

Our Commitment to Safety

- Strong partnerships with local police
- Clear, consistent enforcement of no-weapon policies
- Trained safety and threat assessment teams
- Preventive systems that protect all students and staff

How Families Can Help Prevent Accidental Violations

- Check backpacks, jackets, and sports bags regularly
- Remind students to remove pocket knives or tools used outside of school
- Discuss school rules about prohibited items
- Report concerns using Safe2Say Something

Report Concerns

1-844-723-2729
www.safe2saypa.org

Purpose of This Flyer

To help families understand why they may receive a weapon-related notification—even for accidental possession—and to clarify what Pennsylvania law requires schools to report.