



SCHOOLS INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES

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WeTip

A new school year is about to begin and SIPE would like help your school with the implementation of the WeTip School Safety Program. Enclosed is an assortment of WeTip promotional materials we hope you will display in locations frequented by students, teachers, parents and visitors. Additional materials are available to your school at no cost. This is a great opportunity to educate everyone about the WeTip program and hotline number.

WeTip is both a crime prevention tool and a crime-reporting hotline provided by SIPE for member districts affected by problems such as arson, drugs, graffiti, vandalism, gangs or bullying. By promoting the WeTip program among students, staff and neighbors, schools affirm their zero tolerance for crime on campus and reveal their sites are being watched. It may also be cited in the annual "School Safety Report Card" as a specific action taken to ensure a safe school environment.

Established in 1972, the hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Callers to WeTip are totally anonymous, not just confidential. There is no tracing of calls or any way to identify callers. This may be an incentive to anyone who has hesitation about sharing information for fear of being identified. A reward of up to \$1,000 is offered, and a system is in place to pay rewards anonymously.

However, for the program to be successful, it must be promoted regularly. Not only should posters be mounted around your site at all times, it is also especially important to hang incident specific posters around the school and community after an arson fire, vandalism, theft, or any other crime has been committed. SIPE will custom design incident specific posters and have them at your site within a couple of days.

WeTip staff members are available to conduct workshops and presentations at your school at no cost. These presentations and workshops are specifically designed for either students or administrators and school staff. More information about WeTip can be found on their website at www.wetip.com or you may contact Sue Mandell at (909) 987-5005 Ext. 250.

Another new useful tool for school personnel to learn more about the WeTip program is SIPE's online safety training module. Titled "WeTip Anonymous Tip Hotline", this module is a comprehensive overview of the WeTip program and generally only takes 20 minutes to complete. To access this site, go to www.sipeonlinetraining.com and follow the instructions to register. For more information about the WeTip program, please contact Sue Mandell at the number above and SIPE for questions concerning online training.

The enclosed CRIMELINE magazine is filled with many great examples about the WeTip program and how it has made a difference in fighting crime across this country. Below is an overview of WeTip's School Safety Program and the benefits to your school.

WeTip's School Safety Program

WeTip's School Safety Program provides a safe way to combat school crimes, like violence, threatening acts or behavior, possession of weapons and the use and sales of illegal drugs. The schools safety program is a unique nationwide program designed to provide a way for students and staff to give information anonymously regarding these devastating school crimes.

As a member of SIPE, your school receives all of the benefits that WeTip has to offer – free of charge!

Providing a Safe Way to Combat School Crime and Violence

In 1972, WeTip created the school safety program to provide a way for students to give information on drug trafficking and criminal activity in their schools and neighborhoods, anonymously.

- Their mission is to protect children from crime and criminals.
- Their goal is to educate school personal and school students about WeTip and the ways to be proactive in creating a safer school environment using WeTip.

The WeTip School Safety Program includes:

- School arson fires
- Weapons on campus
- Bullying
- Child molestation and pornography
- Drug sales and trafficking at their schools
- Gang violence
- Graffiti
- Violent crimes
- Vandalism
- Vehicle theft

As a member of WeTip's School Safety Program, your school district receives the following:

- Access to the toll-free, 24 hour hotline, open seven days a week and answered by trained operators. Students can anonymously report wrong doing and potential violence and remain absolutely anonymous. A Spanish speaking operator is available on each shift.
- Immediate notification of tips received.
- A safe and effective hotline that employs skilled operators to take information on tip forms that have been developed with the help of law enforcement to obtain the maximum amount of critical information.
- Student awareness public service videos and audio messages for schools.
- Appropriate posters, brochures, and school safety stickers are provided to the district as an informational reminder of the WeTip anonymous hotline solution.
- School safety communications tools designed to work within your existing internal procedures. WeTip signs and posters are a visible warning that schools have zero tolerance for crime.
- Professional consultation seminars for implementing and using the WeTip School Safety Program.