

Student Safety Line

1-800-CS-CRIME

The Student Safety Line allows students in Linn County Middle and High Schools a way to report crimes anonymously if it involves a weapon, illegal drugs or alcohol on school property.

When a student has information that there are weapons, illegal drugs or alcohol on school property, they call 1-800-CR-CRIME. They give the information and then will be given a unique code number. This code number allows them to remain anonymous. This information will be forwarded to the School Resource Officer (SRO). The SRO and school administration will decide on a plan of action. If the investigation results in the recovery of a weapon, illegal drugs or alcohol on school property, Crime Stoppers will be notified of the recovery, allowing the caller to become eligible for a \$50 cash reward.

The student may also give the information to the SRO or school administrator first hand. The student needs to tell the SRO or school administrator that they are doing so under the umbrella of the Student Safety Line to be eligible for the reward.

The Student Safety Line is a branch of the Linn County Crime Stoppers Program. Crime Stoppers is funded by private donations. All contributions are tax-deductible. If you are interested in donating to the Student Safety Line, make a check to Linn County Crime Stoppers Student Safety Line, 505 First St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Crime Stoppers is a partnership of concerned citizens and local law enforcement agencies working together to solve crimes. It provides a way to help solve crimes by calling in clues and remain anonymous. A good clue can be a great advancement in solving a crime.

Procedure for Processing

Student Safety Line Information

The *Student Safety Line* program in all Linn County School Districts is administered by the Linn County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors and is subject to their Articles of Incorporation, bylaws, and procedures.

The Crime Stoppers *Student Safety Line* will allow students in these schools a way in which they can anonymously¹ report incidents involving weapons, illegal drugs or alcohol on school property.

Preferred Practice

1. In order for a student to be eligible for a reward, should call the *Student Safety Line* (Crime Stoppers) at 1-800-CR-CRIME. They will be assigned a unique code number, which they can use for calls.

¹ Crime Stoppers cannot guarantee the anonymity of persons who reveal their identity to police, school administrators, or others.

2. If the Information they provide to Crime Stoppers involves a weapon², illegal drugs, or alcohol on school property, **the information will be immediately forwarded to the respective designated school administrator or school liaison officer** assigned to the school where the violation has been reported to have occurred.
3. The school liaison officer will consult with the school administration and formulate a plan regarding the investigation of the case.
4. If the investigation results in the recovery of a weapon, illegal drugs or alcohol on school property, the school administrator or liaison officer will immediately notify Crime Stoppers of the recovery, allowing the caller to become eligible for a \$50.00 cash reward.

Acceptable Practice

On occasion a student may approach a liaison officer or school administrator indicating that they want to provide information under the umbrella of the *Student Safety Line*.

If the student identifies the fact that they are providing the information because of the *Student Safety Line*, and if there is no apparent exigent circumstance³, instruct them to call the *Student Safety Line* with the information.

Exception to above Procedure—Exigent Circumstances

If a student indicates that they are providing information under the umbrella of the *Student Safety Line* and there is an obvious exigent circumstance³ which requires an immediate response, it is not necessary to have the student call Crime Stoppers first, but rather, the information can be immediately gathered by the school administrator and/or the school liaison officer and acted upon prior to calling Crime Stoppers for a code number.

Upon the completion of the investigation in the above-described exigent circumstance, Crime Stoppers should be notified as soon as is practicable so that reward payment can be arranged, if necessary.

Ineligibility

If a student offers information to the school administration or school liaison officer and makes no mention of the *Student Safety Line* and they have not contacted Crime Stoppers, they are not eligible for a reward under this program.

Crime Stoppers must get the information first, then pass it on to the police for investigation. If the police received the information first, the informant is ineligible for a reward from Crime Stoppers.

Tobacco products are not considered “illegal drugs” in the administration of the *Student Safety Line* program.

² Weapon would include, but not be limited to, the following: sword, guns of any kind, or 3-inch or longer pocketknife.

³ Those which create an emergency and require an immediate response and failure to respond immediately would likely jeopardize the safety of others and/or cause loss/destruction of evidence.