

How We Keep Each Other Safe

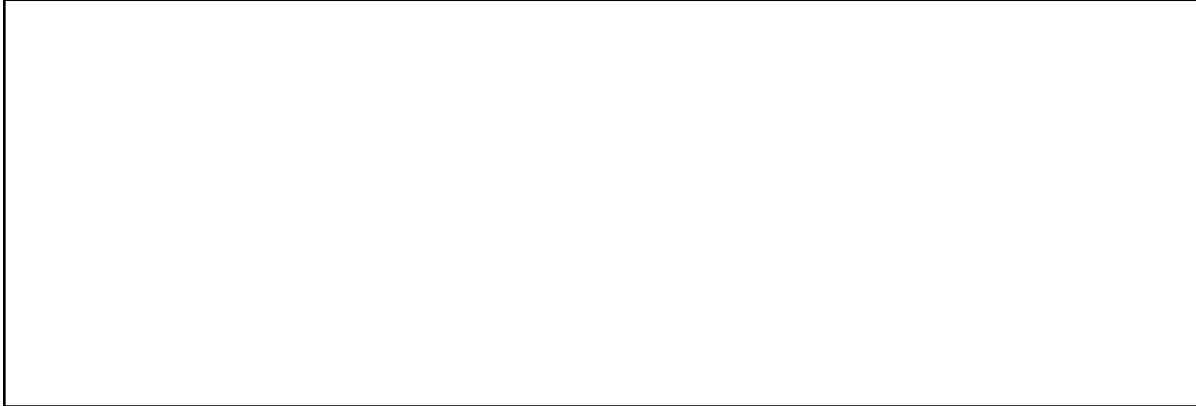
Name _____

For each of the following scenarios, answer this question: How could anonymous reporting support a safe outcome? Consider what the outcome might be if no one intervenes and how anonymous reporting could be used to help.

Scenario #1: A close friend has been unusually quiet for weeks. During a text conversation late one night, they say they're "tired of everything" and that "it wouldn't matter if I disappeared." When you ask what they mean, they dodge the question but mention they haven't been sleeping and feel overwhelmed by school and home stress. The messages leave you feeling worried that they might hurt themselves, but they beg you not to tell anyone because they "don't want drama."

Scenario #2: A student in your grade becomes the target of a group chat where classmates post edited photos, inside jokes meant to embarrass them, and rude comments about their appearance. Screenshots of the chat start spreading on social media. You're not directly involved, but someone adds you to the chat. When you don't respond, a few people message privately saying, "Don't be lame. It's just a joke," even though the student being targeted has stopped showing up to class.

Scenario #3: A classmate you work with on group projects has recently been jumpy, distracted, and frequently absent. One day, during a conversation, they mention their parent “got really angry again last night,” then quickly change the subject and say they “don’t want to get anyone in trouble.” You notice new bruises on their arm, which they explain away by saying they’re “just clumsy.” They often stay late at school because they “don’t want to go home yet.”



Scenario #4: While scrolling through social media, you see a student from school post a message saying they’re “done dealing with everyone” and that people should “watch themselves tomorrow.” In another post, they share a picture that looks like a weapon emoji with a caption about “making people pay.” You’re not sure if it’s a joke, a vent, or something serious, but other students have noticed it too and are talking about it in group chats.



Reflect on the following question: How can anonymous reporting empower students to protect each other?

