



HCDrugFree
Empowering the Community

School Safety

Keeping Students Safe and Adults Informed

Safe Schools Maryland

Safe Schools Maryland is an anonymous and FREE reporting system available to students, teachers, staff members, parents, and the general public to report any school or student safety concerns, including mental health concerns. Safe Schools Maryland is Maryland's only official anonymous reporting system. Safe Schools Maryland operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Your anonymous report can be submitted by calling the tip line (**1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233**), [completing an online form](#) or downloading the free Safe Schools Maryland app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



All students should feel comfortable in Maryland's schools. Children and young adults are stronger students when they feel safe and secure. Strong students go on to serve as the foundation for strong communities.


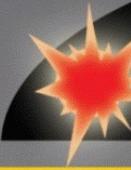
Safe Schools Maryland exists to ensure that our schools and our students remain safe and secure. With Safe Schools Maryland, all interested members of our communities are able to report their school and student safety concerns anonymously and securely.

To learn more about how this reporting system works please [watch this video](#):

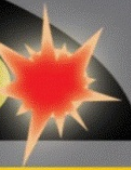



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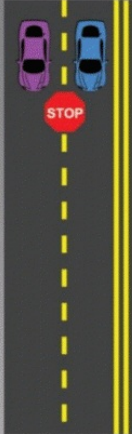
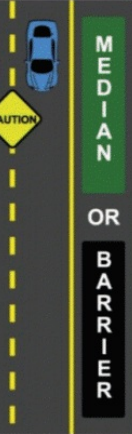
Stop for the School Bus



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



What is the law in Maryland?

			
TWO LANE: Vehicles traveling in both directions MUST STOP.	TWO-LANE with center turn lane: Vehicles traveling in both directions MUST STOP.	MULTI - LANE: Vehicles traveling in both directions MUST STOP.	DIVIDED HIGHWAY: With dirt, grass, or barrier median - Vehicles behind bus MUST STOP. Vehicles traveling in opposite direction USE CAUTION.

The Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) wants you to know:

In a typical school year, more than 600,000 Maryland students ride school buses; however, many drivers are out of practice interacting with buses on our streets. Drivers need to be aware of children entering, exiting, or riding in a school bus and maintain a safe distance at all times.

Always prioritize safety first when approaching a school bus.

- Pay attention: especially in school zones and near school bus stops where children may be crossing the street
- Stop for the bus: because passing a school bus is illegal when its red lights are flashing and its stop-arm is extended while stopped to load or unload students; and
- Report it: when you see someone pass a stopped school bus.

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HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council



New this school year! Based on feedback from high school students wanting to serve as mentors and role models to help younger students in 8th and 9th grade transition to high school, we're making some exciting changes to our Teen Advisory Council (TAC) this school year, and we invite all Howard County students in **grades 8 through 12** to join us.

During the monthly meetings, TAC will spend part of the time focusing on Life Skills necessary for all high school students, including managing stress and other emotions, developing healthy relationships with peers and family, and making healthy choices to help prepare you for life beyond high school. We will also dedicate time to learn how to reduce opioid overdoses in Howard County and how to say no to risky behaviors such as drug use, while keeping friends and developing leadership skills.

Join us for our first 2022-23 meeting on **Monday, September 19 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom to learn more about TAC and to see how you can get involved. Community service hours are available for participation, and TAC members will have volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Students will give back to our community while learning skills and enjoying experiences valuable for future college and job applications.

To access the 2022-23 TAC registration form or to learn more about becoming a member, please visit the [TAC page of our website](#). To receive the Zoom information for the meeting, please register at this [link](#).



**Register for
TAC**

Back by Popular Demand: Free Parenting Classes!

Raising kids is challenging, and unfortunately, children don't come with an instruction manual.

How do you raise confident kids who stand up for what's right?

How do you build a relationship of trust between you and the child in your life?

How do you set kids up for a successful future?

We cover all of this, and more, in Guiding Good Choices®, the FREE evidence-based parenting class designed for parents, grandparents, and guardians of children ages 9 to 14.



Register now for HC DrugFree's FREE Parenting Classes, held **September 21, 28 & October 12, 19, 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Learn More

Thursday, September 8: Student & Adult Volunteers Needed



Can we count on you this Thursday, September 8?

Do you know high school students who are in need of **community service hours**, groups, or an adult willing to help us? There's still time to join our team and volunteer with our team on Thursday, September 8 approximately between 5:30-6:30 p.m. We **need 20 to 25 student or adult volunteers**. Additional opportunities will be available throughout September and October.

Student and adult volunteers: For more information, please hurry to reach out to admin@hcdrugfree.org. Please let us know if you are a student or adult and provide contact information. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Save the Date: Medication & Sharps Disposal Event



Don't know what to do with your
leftover meds & sharps?

We can help.

SAVE THE DATE!

Medication & Sharps Disposal

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Saturday, October 29 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wilde Lake Village Center in Columbia

www.hcdrugfree.org



Safely dispose of:

- Prescription Medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Sharps (Syringes, Needles, Epi-Pens, etc.)
- Vitamins
- Pet Medication
- ...and more!

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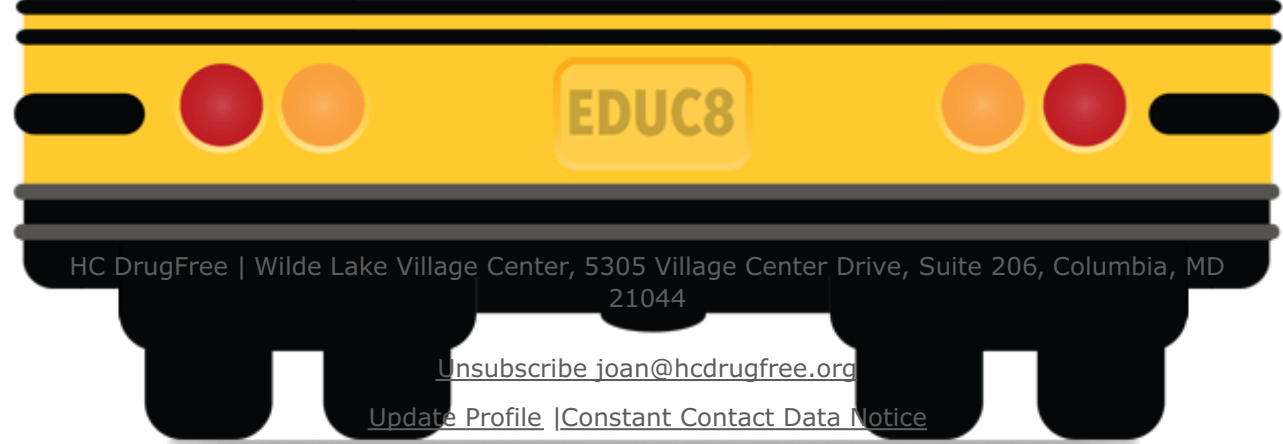
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Join our social media community for more ways to share important and potentially life-saving information with your friends and network.

Remember: **Knowledge is Power** and together we can help keep our community informed, safe, and ***In the KNOW.***

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