



Community Safety

Why WeTip?

Because people...everyone...students, employees, citizens....everyone needs a way to safely give information about something that they know....a crime, a suspicion, an incident, a threat...something they suspect... something that scares them...without fearing someone will retaliate against them for telling. It is simple, it is safe, it is totally and absolutely anonymous.

Many times in the past few months we have heard of new tip software companies, new campaigns against bullying, guns and violence....., new community tip campaigns, and new school safety projects that tell people that they can give information about something that they know. So why is WeTip different, and why is WeTip the best and most reputable company for your safety solution?

As the Chief Executive Officer of WeTip, I have been with WeTip for over 35 years. I am absolutely amazed at the number of hotlines that have come and gone in the past 35 years. Each time I hear of a new hotline, I pick up the phone and give the number a call. Each line that I have called, I am usually asked my name and personal information. What part of anonymous don't they understand??? Every single one of the new bully hotlines will identify the tipster that is calling in. The Stomp out bully hotline told me they don't take tips, they just tell the student to say NO to the bully. Really? Are you kidding me? The Speak UP hotline out of New York, wanted to be able to track and trace their "anonymous calls". WeTip said NO WAY and we cut our alliance with them. The State Fund workers compensation hotline said they wanted to track WeTip's phone records we told them that WeTip has no



call logs, caller ID or phone records. We cut our ties with them. Many of the hotlines across the country are answered in the police department. So many of these new hotlines give the "option" of staying anonymous, but the first thing they ask for when you call is your name, even if you chose not to give it, some of the operators can't or won't tell you if they have Caller ID or if the call is being recorded.

Police calls to a police department are tracked and ID'd for safety reasons as in the case of 911. Many times there are volunteers answering the lines or an answering machine. In one case the Crimestoppers hotline in Colorado was picked up by an answering machine and when one of the clerks got tired of listening to it ring, they turned off the ringer.. More than 29 tips regarding a wanted serial rapist went undocumented for OVER THREE WEEKS. In Illinois, Crimestoppers was shut down because the phone records were seized to obtain the identity of the informant. WeTip is the one and only truly anonymous, truly safe hotline for students, employees and community members nationwide. The first thing you hear when you call WeTip is, "Thank you for calling the WeTip Hotline, please do not give your name or identify yourself in any way." Many callers are scared of being identified by their voice on a recording and they are immediately reassured that WeTip does not record any calls, nor do we trace or track any calls. We Tip does not have Caller ID. WeTip cannot divulge information that we don't collect. This isn't a new option for WeTip; this has been protocol since the very first time the hotline rang in 1972.

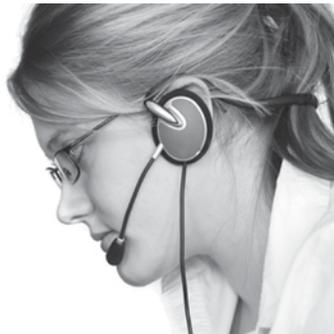
What is the **WeTip** inc Community Safety Hotline

How WeTip Works

The informant calls the WeTip Hotline. All calls are anonymous not just confidential. **Confidential** means that someone knows your name and promises not to tell, until they are subpoenaed. **Anonymous** means that nobody knows who you are and there is absolutely no way to find out. We have no taping, tracing or caller ID. We have no way of knowing who the caller is.

The very first thing they hear is “this is the WeTip Crime Hotline, do not give your name or identify yourself in any way.” If at any time the caller starts to identify him or herself, the operator will interrupt telling the caller “I have to disconnect this call, please call back and speak to another operator.” The reason for this is that we absolutely cannot know who is on the other end of the phone line, but we do want the information.

Once the anonymity has been established, the operator takes the caller through a series of questions. These questions have been developed through the aid of law enforcement and the purpose is to elicit as much information as possible. Many times the caller actually has more information than they realize.



According to Webster...

Confidential

- “to tell in confidence”
- “entrusting with a secret”
- “to put in another’s keeping”

According to Webster...

Anonymous

- “having an unknown or withheld name”



WeTip is working to address the root causes of violence and crime in communities. Toward that end, we are sharing effective strategies to:

- Reduce and eliminate threats, violence, property crimes, vandalism and thefts in the community.
- Reduce risk and loss to communities caused by violent crimes, property destruction and arson.
- Provide a way for all community members to communicate information about a problem anonymously and without fear of reprisal or retaliation
- Develop an emergency plan that includes the WeTip Hotline for reporting any type of threat or crime situation BEFORE it happens.

Through WeTip’s community Safety program, WeTip works with thousands of communities nationwide to create a safe and secure environment for all residents that is free of crime and threats. WeTip is a clearing house on crime reports, providing the nationwide anonymous hotline, reward payments, training for Community Leaders, administrators and crime prevention officers.

How to Submit

Incident Specific Flyer

Info to



If Your Community is Hit With a Major Crime...

- ↪ Use the anonymous 1-800-78-CRIME number in all comments and interviews with the media.
- ↪ Always mention that rewards are up to \$1,000.
- ↪ Contact WeTip for an incident-specific flyer and email your information to: graphics@wetip.com and copy (cc) your WeTip liaison.

Remember.. WeTip needs to know

- ✓ The type of crime
- ✓ Date and location of crime
- ✓ Suspect information and description
- ✓ Specific crime details
- ✓ A picture showing damages if available

Incident-specific flyers are available in both English and Spanish
Utilize Incident-specific flyers whenever a crime has occurred.

Mephedrone - Deadly Bath Salt

By WeTip Chief Editor: Gabrielle Aguilar

Bath Salts come in small containers with pretty pictures of bubbles and soothing scenes. They are explicitly labeled “not for human consumption” to circumvent drug laws. It is not for bathing, fertilizing plants or research. There is only one use for this powder or crystalline substance and it’s all bad. In 2010, poison centers received 303 calls about exposures to bath salts. That number rose dramatically in 2011; between January 1 and October 31, poison centers received 5,625 calls according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

The creation of Mephedrone was first reported in 1929, but stayed obscure until 2003. It can be ingested, snorted or smoked and is said to cause a euphoric feeling, stimulation, elevated mood and enhanced mental function. Its effects are compared to MDMA (Ecstasy) Methamphetamine (Meth) and Cocaine but touted to have none of the down sides of these dangerous drugs. Although there are no formal studies or reports of long-term effects because of the short term of popular use, Mephedrone is far from having no side effects. Internet bloggers, law enforcement and medical personnel have reported: poor concentration, teeth grinding, and problems focusing visually, poor short-term memory, hallucinations, delusions and erratic behavior. Other users in Internet forums have reported changes in body temperature (temperatures over 107 have been reported in emergency rooms), increased heart rate, difficulty breathing, and loss

of appetite, increased sweating, discoloration of extremities, anxiety, paranoia and depression. When snorted it can also cause nosebleeds and intense sinus pain lasting for days.

According to the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, There are reports, particularly after intravenous use, of more severe psychological and behavioral effects. These include:

Delusional paracosis leading to scratching and gauging of the skin particularly of the face, neck and arms, Parkinson-like twitching of limbs, Paranoia, Suicidal ideation & Severe insomnia.



Law Enforcement is working hard to keep bath salts off the shelves, but that does not mean they are out of the hands of users! If you know your child, friend or family member refers to a “relaxing” or “invigorating” bath, or talks about “bathing” frequently, be aware of their actions, if you see any questionable materials in their bedrooms strange salts, potpourri, or small, metallic packages with what seems to be “harmless” products, be suspicious. Your loved one may be using something that’s not only harmful, but also has the power to physically and mentally maim or kill.

Report drug abuse or drug dealers anonymously at 1-800-78-CRIME or 1-800-47-DRUGS or at www.wetip.com.

As a member of WeTip’s Community Safety Program, the community receives:

- Access to the toll-free, 24 hour hotline, open seven days a week and answered by trained operators. City residents 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.
- WeTip is 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.
- Community awareness public service videos and audio messages for schools.
- Appropriate posters, brochures, and community safety stickers are provided to the citizens as an informational reminder of the WeTip anonymous hotline solution.
- Safety communication tools designed to work within your existing internal procedures.
- WeTip provides professional adult consultation seminars and youth participation workshops for implementing and using the WeTip Community Safety Program.

How WeTip is working to Protect Your Community from Fraud

- Your citizens may be reluctant to talk to anyone about fraud or questionable practices.
- WeTip’s community safety hotline gives a safe route so you can uncover and correct these problems quickly, before your community goes bankrupt.
- “WeTip is a frontline, proactive and cost effective means of multiplying your chances of discovering and solving crimes against the Community. It’s a powerful tool in the hands of honest, hard working citizens.”
- Scott Hewitt, CPP Director of Security, Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.

Facts and Figures

- The average fraud scheme lasts 18 months before detection.
- The most common method for detecting fraud is a tip from an employee, customer, vendor or anonymous source. The second most common method is by accident.

Anonymous WeTip Information leads Investigators to Solve Utility company Copper Theft Case

Partnering with WeTip for Safer Communities

Information called into the Anonymous WeTip Crime hotline has led investigators to arrest an employee that had been stealing copper wire from the SCE Facility for over two years. The anonymous tip gave critical information which led to the investigation and arrest of a night security guard who confessed that he had stolen copper from Edison and sold it to a recycler netting approximately \$30,000. However, Edison officials advised that the cost to the company was several times this amount.

Investigators rated the information received on Tip #51643 a perfect "10" on a scale of One to Ten. Diosdado Lampa was charged with Grand Theft and Possession of a Controlled Substance Paraphenalia. He was ordered to pay restitution, serve 30 days on a Cal Tran's road crew and sentenced to 3 years probation.

Southern California Edison and WeTip partnered together four years ago to fight the battle against Copper Wire theft and all Metal theft. Our collaborative goal is to stop the theft of copper wire, which is affecting cities, school districts and companies across the state and across America. According to the SCE web site when there is a metal theft, everyone gets hurt. This is especially true when it comes to the unauthorized removal of metal and wire used by SCE. As the value of copper increases, utilities have seen an increase in metal theft. Utility infrastructure can be hazardous and this type of theft can and has led to the loss of life. Many times, when metal is stripped from a facility to sell as scrap, it costs thousands of dollars more to reinstall.

SELLING, BUYING OR POSSESSION OF STOLEN UTILITY WIRE IS A CRIME.

WeTip Inc. offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of persons selling, buying or possessing stolen utility wire.



IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING METAL/WIRE THEFT TURN 'EM IN CALL WeTip AND BE COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS 1.800.78.CRIME WWW.WETIP.COM UP TO \$1,000 REWARD NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW WHO YOU ARE...NOT EVEN

SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is an example of safety and community involvement to reservations across the nation. San Manuel reservation was established in 1891 by the true natives of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys and mountains. The San Manuel reservation consists of just over 800 acres of mostly mountainous land.

Over time, the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians has become a self-sufficient tribal government with an established economic and social outlook. The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians is active in donating funds for a variety of projects in neighboring areas. Nearby cities and towns receive support from the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians including active support for WeTip's efforts to maintain safer neighborhoods in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

Encompassing gaming governmental operations and other enterprises, the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians is one of the largest employers in the Inland Empire area and employs over 3000 people

The San Manuel reservation, like other tribal lands in the United States, is a sovereign nation with its own system of government and ordinances. Governed by elected officials, the Tribal Council is responsible for enforcing by-laws, establishing policies, protecting business interests and preserving the sovereignty of the tribe. San Manuel is an amazing example to tribes throughout the Country on tribal security, community police and school resources can work together for the good of all community members. We are proud to partner with San Manuel and we recognize their contributions to local communities with WeTip's 2013 Tribal Safety Award

WeTip's Community Safety Program offers the WeTip anonymous hotline to residents and their families. WeTip's hotline is a way for people to get involved in establishing a safer community. People are often afraid to report crime information because they fear reprisal from the person they are reporting. WeTip gives everyone an opportunity to give information without fear. When you call the WeTip hotline, the first words that you will hear from the operator will be, "This is the WeTip crimeline, please do not give your name." The operator will then ask a series of questions, designed by law enforcement, to obtain the maximum amount of information about the reported crime.

WeTip information is immediately conveyed to the appropriate police, fire, and sheriff's agencies. After the information is taken, if the informant requests a reward, a code name and number are assigned. The caller always remains absolutely anonymous (not just confidential).

Cash Rewards of up to \$1,000 are given upon verified reports from law enforcement that WeTip information was received prior to arrest and that the information was helpful in the arrest and conviction. The reward drop is made at a designated postal location, using the assigned code names and case numbers. NO personal contact is ever made with the informant.