

Student Safety Coalition (SSC)

Fort Hamilton's HOW TO Guide

The Student Safety Coalition bands students together to create a safe school environment and to raise awareness around the issue of gun violence in schools.

We work to:

- Keep students updated about current events as they relate to gun violence
- Teach students techniques about how they can protect themselves / how they should respond in case of an emergency at school
- Teach students techniques about how they can help intervene if they are concerned a student may commit a violent action (Direct & Guide to support)
- Bring expert and guest speakers to talk about this issue in schools
- Provide opportunities to organize and participate in student activism around gun violence

To set up a Student Safety Coalition in your school, you should...

1. Bring a core group of students supporters together and vote for your group leader
2. Reach out to a staff member and ask them to be your school advisor
3. Reach out to Students Demand Action to learn how they can support your efforts in school
4. Elect a Student Leader (or two!) for your group
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6. Set clear expectations and goals for what you hope to accomplish with the SSC at your school
7. Do some research to learn about what your school is already doing (or not doing) to address the issue of school safety and gun violence in your community
8. Brainstorm some steps and solutions your school could take to improve safety in your school
9. Present your findings and ideas to classes and school leadership in an effort to create a safer environment in your school
10. Work with Students Demand Action to organize an assembly to raise awareness about this issue at large
11. Put together a short video to raise awareness in your community about your work!
12. Develop pamphlets, flyers, and posters to let other students in your school know about your efforts
13. Build a social media presence to engage in national events around the country
14. Invite guest speakers to come and educate your school community
15. Always work with your student group to think about ways you can make a difference and get involved with the Student Lead movement to end gun violence around the country!