



# HOW IT WORKS

For 40 years WeTip has provided a way for people to give information on crime and criminal activity in their cities, neighborhoods, and schools anonymously.

## What is WeTip?

The WeTip crime hotline is a resource for people who have information about a crime or criminals but are afraid to tell anyone. The WeTip hotlines are answered by bilingual operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken on all crimes affecting cities, neighborhoods, and schools. All calls are completely anonymous. No one will ever know who made the call...Not us... Not ever!

## How Does it Work?

When someone calls WeTip, no one asks them who they are or where they live. The WeTip operator states "This is the WeTip crime hotline, do not give your name or identify yourself in any way." If the informant identifies themselves in any way they will be asked to call back and speak to another operator then the call will be disconnected. The operator then asks a series of questions about the crime and who committed it.

## What Happens Next?

When a call is taken, a case number is assigned to the informant. If the informant has additional information they can call back and give additional information or check the status, using the case number. The informant is also asked if they are interested in a reward if there is an arrest and conviction. If they are interested in a reward, they are given a 3 part fictitious code name. They use the case number and code name to pick up their reward.

## How Can You Get a Reward and Remain Anonymous?

If the suspect(s) is arrested and convicted then a reward of up to \$1,000 is offered to the informant. The reward is paid at a post office where the informant can receive the cash reward by giving the code name and case number. The informant never has to give their identity or show any identification.

