

Contract for Safety

This contract for safety is one part of a [school shootings and violence emerging protocol](#) being developed by the [School Counseling Services Program](#) in cooperation with public / private partnerships in school districts wanting and in need of such a protocol.

This contract is designed to meet a minimal ethical, professional, and legal standard whereby the seasoned onsite provider (as defined in the emerging school violence protocol) requests a “contract for safety”. The contract for safety is utilized, as one part and one step in a more comprehensive evaluation of risk and protective factors addressing, preventing and determining committal, via a structured, systemic process. The contract for safety is utilized when a youth has expressed suicidal or homicidal statement, implicit and or explicit, verbally and online. A contract for safety, in this protocol, by itself DOES not establish safety or protective factors even if signed. The valuation of protective and risk factors, frequency/duration/and intensity scores, collateral contacts, collateral documentation, and parental involvement with youth assent are necessary for the clinician and the school to proceed with more or less restrictive action. (see school violence and shootings document for more information). This contract, when possible, is to become a part of the digital footprint using secure digital server technology (as identified in the protocol document) allowing for time and date stamps of assessment and decision events.

The Contract for Safety is Completed in conjunction with the [Suicide and Homicide Safety Risk Assessment](#), as well as consistent with the complete protocol.

I _____ (youth name) agree and promise that I will not harm myself or others in anyway, on purpose or on accident between now and the next time _____ (licensed counselor name) and I meet. And if I am not able to meet with the counselor I also agree and promise that if I do have thoughts of harming myself or others I will call 911 to be taken to the emergency room, I will call _____ (counselor name) at _____ (phone number), and I will contact a teacher at the school. On purpose or accident means I am agreeing to not harm myself or others willfully and intentionally; on accident means I am not going to make up an event that looks to be an accident to others.

Youth Name: _____ Counselor Name: _____

Youth Sign: _____ Counselor Sign: _____

Today's Date: _____

Youth completed the contract willingly and agreeably? Y or N

Annual Parental Consent Already on File and Consent is Provided? Y or N

Parental Consent for an Assessment was obtained (willingly or agreeably)? Y or N

Risk and Protective Assessment Indicator Forms Are Complete? Y or N