

## APRIL 2022 CCDC SAFETY MESSAGE

### See Something, Say Something

The phrase “if you see something, say something” was developed by The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in 2010 to engage the public in “protecting our homeland.”

This motto can have a more expansive use in our everyday lives. This phrase can serve as a tool in the workplace, in public, and at home to protect against injuries, accidents, workplace violence and safety violations.

DHS created this motto to protect our communities through awareness-building, partnerships, and other outreach. We all need to have partnerships with those that can help prevent injuries. This includes feeling comfortable to contact organizations or people who can remedy a situation. Have your local law enforcement non-emergency number in your phone so you can quickly notify them of non life-threatening concerns.

When it comes to safety in any location, “if you see something, say something” should be a rule of thumb for all workers, supervisors, visitors, and anyone who steps foot on a location. In our everyday lives, we can apply this phrase to public places including roadways and stores. If you see debris in the road, notify authorities about it. If you see an unsafe situation in a store, inform the management.

Everyone should feel comfortable enough to speak up about safety concerns they think may be occurring. When you report something that seems suspicious in the office or home you could potentially save a life. In public areas, do not assume that someone else has notified authorities about an unsafe situation.

As DHS says, your day is uniquely yours and different than everyone around you. Therefore, when something feels wrong, there is a chance it is. If you see something that seems off compared to what you know to be right, say something.

**THINK SMART, BE AWARE, BE FLEXIBLE, BE EDUICATED (SAFE)**