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SFPD Safe Place Program

The Department has restructured and renamed the former program known as Safe Zone to SFPD Safe Place. The principles associated with "A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL" has been implemented in an effort to provide a safe, respectful, and professional environment for everyone in our diverse city. Locations identified by the Safe Place decal will offer a safe haven for any individual(s) in need of emergency assistance until police/medical services arrive. We are committed to treating every member of the community with courtesy, compassion and understanding.

The Safe Place Program encourages crime reporting and collaborations with our stakeholders. This program will be first implemented at Bayview and Mission Stations, which will be our pilot stations. Every two months the program will be introduced to two additional stations until the program has been implemented at all ten district stations.

The order of implementation will be as followed:

- Bayview/Mission (Pilot Program) – February 2019
- Northern/Southern – April 2019
- Central/Tenderloin – June 2019
- Park/Ingleside – August 2019
- Taraval/Richmond – October 2019

Once the program has been introduced to the district station, each district station will receive:

- Four (4) laminated SAFE PLACE signs (To be posted on or near each public entrance door and reception area.)
- 2018/19 SAFE PLACE PROJECT Brochure
- PowerPoint presentation

SFPD's collaboration with local businesses, merchants, etc. affirms our Department's position of providing safe environments for all members of the community. Designated Safe Places serve as an environment where individuals can find sensitive, courteous people willing to assist until the proper resources and services arrive. Every police station will be a primary safe sanctuary for every member of the community.

Questions regarding the Safe Place Program may be directed to Lieutenant Christopher Del Gandio, Community Engagement Division, at (415) [REDACTED]

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Safe Place Tenets

Compassion

Safety with Respect

Dignity

Diversity

Honesty

Trust

Justice

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To assist the Safe Place program's efficiency we seek your feedback and suggestions for improvement and details regarding your satisfaction.

We appreciate your feedback.

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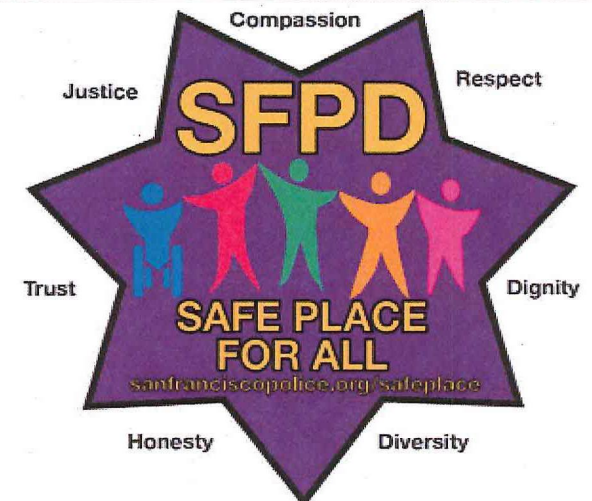


Safety with Respect

Safe Place

San Francisco Police Department

SAFE PLACE



The San Francisco Police Department designated this a

SAFE PLACE

At all times, SAFETY with RESPECT, COMPASSION and HONESTY for all individuals.

A Little Background Information

The Safe Place initiative was started by Officer James Ritter (Seattle Police Department) in May of 2015. It was created to address the LGBTQ community issues that have impacted law enforcement agencies.

In February 2013, San Francisco Police Department also started a concept called Safe Zone. However, SFPD Safe Zone was focused on the LGBTQ community and signage was only posted at district police stations in San Francisco.

Now in 2018, we reconstituted the SFPD Safe Zone program to the SFPD Safe Place program. SFPD's new program addresses safety with respect for our diversely populated city. Safe Place designates Safe Places throughout the City and County of San Francisco for everyone.



Our Objective

Partners, organizations, corporate sponsors, and affiliates will serve as Ambassadors ensuring dignity, safety and respect for all people; regardless of their race, creed, color, or gender preferences.

Community members seeking emergency assistance will be able to locate community partners and Ambassadors who are willing to provide a safe place for them.

- Reduction in Hate crimes, Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination
- Encourage crime reporting and accountability
- Promoting trusting partnerships among law enforcement, community members, and merchants
- Access to resources, information and assistance

Training: 4 Simple Steps

Step 1

Place the signage in a visible area (preferably in the area of the front entrance/exit of the location).

Step 2

Advise community member who believes they are in harm's way, seeking assistance, know you have called 9-1-1, 3-1-1, or the appropriate city resource.

Step 3

Provide a safe place for the community member until first responders (fire, medics, police or other city resources) arrive.

Step 4

Assist community member by providing first responders with relevant information and actions already taken.

