WARNING SIGNS

OF POTENTIAL HATE-BASED VIOLENCE



Talking about committing an attack or warning "don't come to school tomorrow"



Expressing acceptance of violence as a way to solve feeling wronged



Associating with hateful groups in person



Posting violent content, posing with weapons, or sharing a manifesto



Sudden negative changes in behavior



Praising past hatebased violent events



Sharing hate-based propaganda, memes, and song lyrics online or in person



Becoming isolated from family and friends; being increasingly secretive



Making specific threats or expressing violent anger against a person, group, or place



Communicating with hateful groups online



Unexplained acquisition of weapons



Wearing or drawing symbols associated with hateful groups

Note: Some of these warning signs may be constitutionally protected if you live in the United States. For example, freedom of speech is protected by the 1st Amendment. The right to carry a gun is protected by the 2nd Amendment, with some age limits and other restrictions. Even though some of these warning signs are legally protected, that doesn't mean they aren't concerning. If a peer is showing one of these warning signs, especially if you've also recently noticed changes in their behavior, seek help from a trusted adult. You could be the positive difference in someone's life.



