The Green Dot safety program is a bystander intervention program that gives participants the tools and resources to measurably reduce interpersonal violence in their community.

The program is based on the idea that most people will intervene or prevent an act of violence from occurring if they simply are inspired to do so and have resources they feel comfortable using.

Violence Prevention Programs offers engaging and empowering training of this program that cover:

- Building authentic, positive interpersonal relationships
- Promoting personal responsibility to maintain safe environments

In contrast to historical approaches to violence prevention that have focused on victims and perpetrators, the Green Dot strategy is predicated on the belief that individual safety is a community responsibility and shifts the lens away from victims/perpetrators and onto bystanders. The overarching goal is to mobilize a force of engaged and proactive bystanders.

The Green Dot Overview introduces the basic elements of the Green Dot Bystander Intervention program, focusing specifically on the vital role that university employees play in establishing and reinforcing the campus culture that students and colleagues exist within. The program will help employees understand the expanded role of “bystander” and to equip university employees to integrate within their current job functions, key behaviors that establish two norms: 1) power-based personal violence won’t be tolerated, and 2) everyone—including faculty, staff, and administrators—does their part to keep the campus community free from violence and fear of violence. This training is hands-on and action-oriented.

Green Dot overviews are available through the Violence Prevention Programs office by calling (208) 885-6757 or emailing askjoe@uidaho.edu.

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