

PACK SCHOOL 2



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Pack2School Drive?

Every year, Safe Shores partners with community members to provide child victims of abuse with supplies they will need for the coming school year. By sponsoring a child's school supply list, you can help ensure that child victims and their siblings have everything they need to start the school year off right!

What does it mean to sponsor a backpack? Do I have to buy everything on the supply list?

This year, there are three ways to support the 2024 Pack2School Drive:

1. **Sponsor a school supply list(s).** Sponsors will be given a list with all the school supplies needed for that child according to their grade level. These lists can range from 10 items (for pre-K children) to as many as 20 items (for older youth). We ask that sponsors commit to purchasing each item on their respective supply list(s).
2. **Make a monetary donation and let Safe Shores do the shopping.** No donation is too small, and every gift helps Safe Shores equip child victims and their siblings with the tools they need for the school year ahead.
3. **Spread the word** by sharing Pack2School information with friends or loved ones who may be interested in participating!

How much should I expect to spend on each child?

The average cost of a fully supplied backpack is between \$110 - \$175.

Can I request a specific age/gender to shop for?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate requests for specific ages/genders.

What is the deadline for school supply drop-off?

You will be matched to a client within 3-5 business days of your sign-up. The deadline for dropping off supplies is Monday, July 29th.

Can I organize my own supply drive to support Pack2School?

Yes! We ask that people first consider sponsoring a backpack or making a monetary donation so that we can purchase supplies, as it can be hard to estimate how many children we can support when people aren't signing up to sponsor an entire backpack. That said, if you would like to sponsor a backpack or donate *and* organize your friends to donate additional supplies, be our guest! We only ask that you notify us in advance if you plan to donate additional supplies. Here are two ways you can organize a group:

1. Collect new, unused items from DC Public School's [K-12 School Supply List](#) and then drop them off at our building located at **429 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20001**. Safe Shores will use items to assemble backpacks or will distribute them throughout the year as clients express the need for additional supplies.
2. Set up a virtual fundraiser to raise funds that Safe Shores will use to buy essential school supplies, like backpacks or graphing calculators! Any funds unspent at the end of Pack2School will go toward meeting clients' other pressing needs. For help setting up a virtual fundraiser, email givetoachild@safeshores.org.

Where do I drop off my supplies?

You can drop off your completed backpack at our building located at **429 O Street NW, Washington, DC 20001** in the Shaw neighborhood. Please sign up for a drop off time through [Calendly](#) so we can make sure a member of our team is there to meet you. If you participated last year, please note that we are not using Ace Hardware stores as drop off locations this year. The only place to drop off completed backpacks and supplies is at the address above.

I'm in! I'd like to sponsor a child's school supply list. What's next?

You can request a supply list(s) by filling out the [Pack2School Sponsor Request Form](#). The deadline to complete the form is Monday, July 15, 2022. If you prefer to sponsor a child and let Safe Shores do the shopping, you may [donate online](#) or send a check to the address below. A gift of \$110 - \$175 will cover one school supply list, but any amount helps!