

# Marty Smith Safety Training

In 2007, following the tragic murder of Marty Smith (a Designated Mental Health Professional in Kitsap County), the Washington State Legislature passed into law Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1456, an act relating to home visits by mental health professionals. **This law, which went into effect in July 2008, requires all community mental health workers who have direct contact with mental health consumers to undergo annual training on safety and violence prevention** (per RCW 49.19.030).\*

SHB 1456 also directed the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to develop the training curriculum in collaboration with community providers and employee organizations representing community mental health workers in Washington State.

In 2009, the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) and the Washington Institute for Mental Health Research and Training (WIMHRT/UW) began conducting training for licensed community mental health agency staff using this new curriculum. The curriculum consists of a set of 8 compact disks (CD's) and is disseminated to agencies via a "Train the Trainer" model.

## Free Online Version Now Available

These training CD's, and accompanying materials, have now been adapted for online training through Essential Learning.

**To access the trainings, please enroll in the Washington State Marty Smith Safety Training Package via [www.cequick.com](http://www.cequick.com).**

Essential Learning's CEQuick offers online continuing education. From the CEQuick home page, select Packages and scroll down to the Marty Smith Safety Training package. The package is free of charge, but requires you to process the order the same way as purchasing a course. Once the Marty Smith Safety Training package is found, select **ADD TO CART >>**. This will display your order where you can then choose **CHECKOUT**. If you have never used CEQuick before, a free account will need to be registered using the **REGISTER** button. Otherwise, you can sign in using your email address and password.

## Live Training Also Encouraged

DBHR encourages you to use this valuable training as an aid in implementing annual safety training in your agency. While the training CDs are valuable, the annual training provided by DBHR and WIMHRT gives hands-on skills in the areas of verbal de-escalation, personal safety and safe outreaches. Participants are then able to provide the online training for other agency staff.

## For More Information

Questions related to the training should be directed to [David Kludt](#), DBHR Program Administrator. Questions about how to access the training via your Essential Learning website should be addressed to [Essential Learning Customer Support](#).

*\*Using the "Marty Smith Safety Training" materials is not required in order to be in compliance with the requirement of SHB 1456. Agencies may meet this requirement as long as all employees who have direct contact with consumers are provided with annual safety training as established in RCW 49.1.9.030.*