



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.

NEWSLETTER

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OK2SAY encourages **confidential** tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees, or schools.

From September 1, 2014 to September 30, 2018,
15,262 tips were received in the following categories:

Alcohol	200	Knives	27
Assault	256	Planned Fights	124
Bullying	3,215	Planned School Attack	564
Cyberbullying	1,087	Self-harm	1,205
Child Abuse	379	Sexting	434
Dating Violence	100	Sexual Assault	150
Domestic Violence	19	Sexual Misconduct	414
Drugs	1,127	Stalking	45
Explosives (bomb)	15	Stealing	41
Fighting	174	Suicide Threats	3,377
Fire Starting	1	Threats	501
Gangs	11	Unsafe Driving	17
Guns	75	Vandalism	20
Human Trafficking	4	Weapons Possession	104
Kidnapping/ Attempted	5	Other (e.g., anxiety, stress, depression, harassment)	1,571
Total			15,262

STUDENT AMBASSADORS



OK2SAY Ambassadors are motivated and enthusiastic individuals who make a positive impact within their school. They promote kindness, inclusion, and awareness activities and ideas at schools. Encourage your students to become Ambassadors and [order free OK2SAY Ambassador posters](#) at ok2say.com.

Michigan high school students may apply to become members of the [OK2SAY Student Ambassador Executive Board](#). These students will actively work to create a safer and more productive school. Encourage students to apply today!

POSTERS AVAILABLE



Help promote OK2SAY by displaying FREE posters. There are many options to choose from. Display the posters in your school so students know how they can make a difference! The posters dimensions are 16" by 20."

[Order posters online](#) today.

SUCCESS STORIES

- School investigated a tip involving a student vaping at school and posting videos online. The school found the student had vaping devices and oil containers at school. The student received counseling and the parents were contacted.
- OK2SAY received a tip about a planned school attack. The school and law enforcement investigated and a student was taken into custody. The student was not permitted back into school.
- A tip alerted school about a suicide threat. The student was located and taken to the hospital for inpatient counseling.
- School officials investigated a tip about a student bringing a weapon to school. Officials investigated and confiscated a knife. The student was suspended and received counseling services.

PRESENTER ORIENTATION

During our recent OK2SAY presenter orientation, the team learned more about the Student Ambassador Program, mental health issues impacting Michigan's youth, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's study of the pre-attack behaviors of active shooters. The team also watched [Screenagers, an award-winning film](#) that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, and academics.



Our presenters are eager to provide free school safety programming for students, parents, guardians, and community leaders.

Scheduling is fast and easy! [Register on our website](#) (ok2say.com).

A NATIONAL MODEL



OK2SAY presented at the first [National Summit on School Safety Tip Lines](#) in Salem, Oregon. The event brought 70 professionals from 21 states together to discuss key strategies for creating a tip line and optimizing use.

EXPANDING ADVERTISING



In addition to seeing OK2SAY advertisements at your local movie theater or on TV, you may begin to see ads at gas stations or hear ads on radio stations. A variety of [public service announcements](#) are available on OK2SAY's website and we appreciate your help in spreading the OK2SAY student safety message.

TECHNICIANS' CORNER

Preventing student drug and alcohol abuse is challenging, particularly with the sale of drug containers and paraphernalia that look like everyday objects. While students often successfully hide their drug use from adults, other students know peers that use or sell drugs. Students even know exactly where drugs are hidden at school, but are concerned about retaliation. An increasing number of these students are turning to OK2SAY's confidential reporting system.

Frequently, tips are submitted out of concern for a friend's well-being and with the belief the friend is drinking or using drugs to deal with anxiety or depression. OK2SAY works with school administrators to ensure parents are notified and students receive counseling and the support they deserve.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Attorney General Bill Schuette joined students to mark the fifth year of Michigan's OK2SAY program at Crestwood Middle School. Students, school officials, and state and local law enforcement joined the event.