



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.

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

From September 2, 2014 to December 31, 2016,
6,129 tips were received in the following categories:

Alcohol	90	Knives	14
Assault	151	Planned Fights	17
Bullying	1,510	Planned School Attack	79
Cyberbullying	588	Self-harm	489
Child Abuse	163	Sexting	194
Dating Violence	54	Sexual Assault	41
Domestic Violence	9	Sexual Misconduct	113
Drugs	420	Stalking	16
Explosives (bomb)	8	Stealing	14
Fighting	87	Suicide Threats	1,039
Fire Starting	1	Threats	177
Gangs	5	Vandalism	4
Guns	15	Weapons Possession	40
Human Trafficking	2	Other	788
Kidnapping/ Attempted	1	Total	6,129

OK2SAY Success Stories

- OK2SAY received a tip on a planned school attack. The home was searched and the student who made the threat was taken into custody.
- OK2SAY received a tip on a student who was being blackmailed to send nude photos. Law enforcement is conducting an investigation. (See story on sextortion.)
- A school employee who assaulted a student was terminated because a tip was submitted to OK2SAY.
- A student who was cutting was sent to residential treatment because a tip was submitted to OK2SAY.

SEXTORTION



Sextortion is an emerging threat facing children going online. It is a form of blackmail in which sexual information or images are used to extort sexual favors, or money from the victim.

Social media and text messages are often the sources of the sexual material and the threatened means of sharing it with others.

An example, one 18-year-old male student posed as a girl on Facebook to trick his male high school classmates into sending him nude cell phone photos, which he then used to extort them for homosexual sex.

In another example, several dozens of female victims' computers were hacked and their stolen personal information was used to extort naked images of them. Many of the victims were under age 18.

Sextortion victims feel trapped and will send sensitive, private material to prevent a private picture/video from being distributed online.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports that some of these victims turn to self-harm and even suicide because they don't know what to do.

OK2SAY gives students a confidential way to submit tips and get help when they are being blackmailed and don't know where to turn or what to do.

They don't have to live in fear. OK2SAY is more than an anti-bullying tip line: we are here to help.



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Technicians' Corner

The OK2SAY desk is currently staffed by four Michigan State Police Technicians who are trained in emergency communications and who excel in connecting people with appropriate community resources.

They all have degrees in criminal justice and job-specific training that enables them to assess situations, make referrals or notifications, and help keep schools and students safe.

The OK2SAY desk has excellent communications and information gathering tools that help the technicians quickly and effectively respond to a variety of situations across the state.



Technicians' Reflections

During my time with OK2SAY, suicide awareness has been a major point of emphasis.

One example sticks with me: a high school student took a hand full of pills. We received a tip from a friend of the student who was in a panic and did not know what to do.

Because of the quick reaction of law enforcement, we were able to locate the student a few blocks from his home. The student was rushed to the hospital, treated, and released.

OK2SAY treats every tip as if it is a life and death situation, because that one tip, however small, may be the one that saves a life.

