



## Purpose

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

## Background

OK2SAY is a way for anyone that knows about a student safety threat to submit a tip to OK2SAY program operators by phone, text message, email, mobile app, or via the OK2SAY website. Tips can be submitted 24/7. Multimedia attachments are accepted.



Specially trained operators receive the tips, and filter the information to the appropriate agency necessary to provide a timely and effective response. Most tips are sent to the school and local law enforcement, but tips may also go to the Department of Human Services and Community Mental Health services programs.



## School Presentations

OK2SAY's **FREE** presentations are available for students in grades 6-12. The dynamic presentation explains how OK2SAY works and also touches on bullying, suicide, sexual assault, and weapon violence. The goal is to empower students, especially bystanders, to do the right thing by reporting a tip.

To learn more and also register, visit the OK2SAY website, and select the "[Schedule a School Presentation.](#)"

## OK2SAY OPERATOR'S CORNER

We received a tip from a student that needed to speak with someone. Upon making contact and asking key questions, the student disclosed his serious intent to commit suicide, due to his struggles with depression, self-harm, and recent loss. In Michigan, one in eleven students attempt suicide one or more times.

We attempted contact with the school while texting the student. When the student disclosed that he had a suicide note, we made an urgent call to the School Resource Officer, who we knew from previous contacts. The SRO was provided the student's name; but was not told who submitted the tip. The SRO immediately went to the school, where he found the suicidal student.

The SRO later called us to advise that the student's parents were on their way and that arrangements were made for the student to receive assistance.

## Results

From September 2, 2014 to December 31, 2014, numerous calls, texts, web reports, and mobile app reports have resulted in 410 tip reports in the following categories:

Alcohol	7
Assault	7
Bullying/Cyberbullying	163
Child Abuse	13
Dating Violence	2
Domestic Violence	1
Employee Misconduct	2
Drugs	34
Fighting	4
Guns	3
Knives	3
Planned School Attack	5
Program Questions	11
Self-harm	12
Sexting	19
Sexual Misconduct	21
Stealing	1
Suicide Threats	54
Threats	17
Weapons	2
Other	29

## Success Stories

Student arrested and gun confiscated after OK2SAY tip alerted law enforcement.

A child plans to attack a sibling using a knife. The family received help from police and other authorities before anyone was hurt.

Fight averted after OK2SAY tip alerted school personnel.

Bullied student thinking about suicide received mental health assistance and help from school.