



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.

NEWSLETTER



PURPOSE

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

OK2SAY PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

OK2SAY at Michigan High School Athletic Association Events

Nearly 90,000 students and fans flocked to East Lansing in the last few months to watch the basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer MHSAA state championship games—and OK2SAY was there! Our first appearance at these events included a display booth, office and presenter personnel mingling in the crowds distributing OK2SAY promotional materials, and debut of our most recent audio PSA:

Get in the game to help make your school safe. Step up and speak up. OK2SAY lets you confidentially report anything that threatens your safety or the safety of others. Submit a tip by phone, text, email, or the iPhone or Android app. Make the play, use OK2SAY.

OK2SAY Homepage Gets New Design

[Checkout our new homepage.](http://www.ok2say.com)
(www.ok2say.com)



OK2SAY TECHNICIANS' CORNER

As an OK2SAY technician, I interact with young students who don't always know how to come forward with a problem they are facing. It is my job to create an environment where a tipster feels safe enough to reveal information not shared with anyone else.



An example of this is when I get a vague tip where only one word is provided. Let's say the tipster texts us "OK2SAY" and nothing else. In this case, the tipster could be testing the program to see if it actually works or what response would come from OK2SAY. I will respond with a friendly opening asking the tipster if there is something he or she would like to share. The tipster now has a sense there is a live person on the other end who cares. This process can involve numerous exchanges between the tipster and OK2SAY technician and it can last several hours.

When tipsters feel comfortable with OK2SAY, they will reveal more about their issues. We will clearly state what we are able to do for them and what choices they have. If tipsters do not feel comfortable to provide detailed information, we assure them that we do not report the identity of tipsters and that we are here to help them.

OK2SAY RESULTS

From September 2, 2014 to June 30, 2016,

4,592 tips were received in the following categories:

Tip Category	Number of Tips
Alcohol	79
Assault	132
Bullying	1,142
Cyberbullying	472
Child Abuse	116
Dating Violence	36
Domestic Violence	9
Drugs	303
Explosives (bomb)	3
Fighting	66
Fire Starting	1
Gangs	5
Guns	14
Human Trafficking	1
Kidnapping/Attempted	1
Knives	13
Planned Fights	8
Planned School Attack	58
Self-harm	341
Sexting	137
Sexual Assault	28
Sexual Misconduct	97
Stalking	7
Stealing	12
Suicide Threats	790
Threats	126
Vandalism	3
Weapons Possession	36
Other	556
Total	4,592

[Monthly OK2SAY Results Summary](#)



SUCCESS STORIES

1. School social worker reached out to student who admitted to cutting and parent alerted.
2. A student locker was searched and a bag of marijuana was found.
3. Safety concern regarding students planning to meet stranger after an online encounter. The principal contacted each students' parents, explained the details of the tip, and made certain parents had a plan to intervene so the meeting would not take place.
4. Student reported she was in an abusive dating relationship where partner was verbally abusive. School counselor met with her and discussed how to avoid such relationships.

[The 2015 OK2SAY Annual Report is now available on the OK2SAY website](#) (www.ok2say.com).



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