



SaferSchools Ohio

Call or Text
844-SAFEROH

Ohio Homeland Security Threat Assessment and Prevention Team Analyst determines if the reported tip is non-criminal or criminal in nature.

Non-Criminal

Criminal/Terrorist
Threat

Notifications to the Ohio Department of Education Analyst, school administrators and local school resource officers.

Notifications to local law enforcement, public safety officials, and other state or federal law enforcement agencies, and the Ohio Department of Education analyst, as needed.



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What happens to a tip when it comes in to the 844-SAFEROH tip/text line?

Once a tip is received by the Safer Schools Ohio tip line, Threat Assessment and Prevention (TAP) Unit personnel working with Ohio Homeland Security (OHS) will determine whether the concern is a school-related threat of a criminal nature and/or a criminal terrorism-related tip or suspicious activity.

All school-related tip information will be coordinated with the TAP Unit who will ultimately determine the level of the threat. If the threat is of a criminal nature the TAP Unit will then use all available OHS resources, including the Intelligence Liaison Officer Program, local law enforcement liaisons within the SAIC and the Ohio Department of Education Analyst to notify appropriate school officials and partners.

In all cases, tip information will be shared with the appropriate partners, who have a right-to-know or need-to-know to include, but not limited to:

- Local public safety professionals in the affected areas, e.g. law enforcement, fire/EMS, bomb squad
- Intelligence Liaison Officers in the affected area(s)
- Ohio Department of Education (ODE) representative to the Ohio SAIC
- School Resource Officer (if direct contact of OHS)
- Ohio State Highway Patrol's Intelligence Unit
- Ohio's two regional Fusion Centers
 - The Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center (NEORFC)
 - Greater Cincinnati Regional Fusion Center (GCRFC)
- US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)

Suspicious activity or non-criminal, school-safety concerns (i.e. general tips about bullying, suspicious behavior/actions discovered on social media, fights between students, reports of individuals on school grounds who may not have an appropriate reason for being there) will be routed to the ODE representative, school administrators and local law enforcement. The caller can remain anonymous or they can leave their contact information in the event more information is needed at a later date.