



## Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line – School Resources

Led by the Maryland Center for School Safety within the Maryland State Department of Education, Safe Schools Maryland is an anonymous tip reporting system that allows students, parents, and community members to easily report anonymous safety concerns anywhere in Maryland. Tips received are routed to local and state education, public safety, health, and/or social services support personnel for follow-up.

### **How are tips reported?**

There are several ways to anonymously report information to Safe Schools Maryland:

App: SafeSchoolsMD available in both the Apple App Store and Google Play

Web: safeschoolsmd.org

Phone: 1-833-MD-B-SAFE (1-833-632-7233)

### **How does the process work?**

Trained technicians respond to reports to Safe Schools Maryland 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. In cases of immediate life threats or crimes in progress, local 9-1-1 and law enforcement will be notified immediately. In situations where a credible tip is impending but not immediate, or cases in which information is useful to the school but does not warrant immediate action, designated school officials are notified through the Safe Schools Maryland system. In all cases designated school system officials are notified for follow-up according to the school system's existing policies.

### **Who can report a tip?**

Tips can be reported by students, family members, teachers, administrators, and/or members of the community.

### **Does this change how our school handles safety issues or follows up on safety-related incidents?**

No. In fact, Safe Schools Maryland is just another way for information to come to the attention of the school and supports your existing practices, policies, and initiatives. Safe Schools Maryland encourages schools to leverage the program as part of their overall school safety plan.

### **Does this replace 9-1-1?**

No. You should still call 9-1-1 in cases of emergency. Any immediate life threats or crimes in progress that come into Maryland Safe Schools will be handed off to 9-1-1 authorities and designated school recipients will be notified.

### **How can my school be involved?**

Each county school system in Maryland has three school officials that have been designated to receive tips from Safe Schools Maryland and are responsible for following up on the information according to existing school system policies. You can become a champion for Safe Schools Maryland in your school community by ensuring staff and students are aware of the program and looking for opportunities to promote Safe Schools Maryland wherever possible throughout the school year. Free promotional materials are available at [www.safeschoolsmd.org](http://www.safeschoolsmd.org).

*A Safer School Begins with You.*