

Safe Schools Maryland Anonymous Reporting System

Frequently Asked Questions

What should be reported?

Anyone from anywhere can make a report about something concerning safety in any Maryland school.

When should I use the SSMD anonymous reporting system?

When you want to remain anonymous. The system does not replace calling 911 for immediate life safety issues or direct contact with your school, administration, counselors, SROs, or other school personnel. If you need direct contact with school officials, whether at the school, county, or state level, or when you require updates on the situation, we encourage you to contact the school or visit the school system's website for information on who may be able to assist you with your concern. For example, every school system has an online bullying form.

What if I'm not sure the information I have is true or worth reporting?

REPORT IT! It is better to report it and allow the proper parties to investigate it than to not report it and risk someone getting hurt.

How do I know my anonymous report was received?

You will receive a response. You may receive questions if more information is needed; therefore, be sure to retain the Tip ID and password, which allows you to access your submitted report/tip after initial submission. Please keep in mind that because this is an anonymous reporting system, you will not receive updates on the situation.

What if the person doesn't go to my school, or I don't know what school they go to?

Provide as much information as possible and the system can get the information to the proper personnel in Maryland or another state.

How long will it take to investigate the report I submit?

Your report will instantly be sent to the appropriate contacts for investigation. The time it takes to complete the investigation varies.

Does my school participate in SSMD?

Most Maryland K-12 schools are listed in [Safe Schools Maryland](#); yet, even if your school is not listed, do note that anonymous reports can be made relating to any school in Maryland by selecting "All Other MD Schools" when making a report. When a school does not have a contact person in the system MCSS personnel and the tip taker work diligently to make contact with the school through open source information and other local contacts.