

# Safe Schools Maryland Anonymous Reporting

The Safe Schools Maryland (SSMD) anonymous reporting system is operated by the Maryland Center for School Safety and made available to all Maryland schools. SSMD allows anyone; students, caregivers, school staff, community members, to easily share information about a safety concern at any school, and remain totally anonymous.

## How is information reported?

There are several ways to anonymously provide information using SSMD.

Webform: [safeschoolsmd.org](https://safeschoolsmd.org)

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

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

## How does the process work?

Trained people take the information directly by phone or review the information provided through the digital app or the webform 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. When there is an immediate threat to someone's life or a crime is in progress, local 911 and law enforcement are immediately contacted. If the information is about something that will happen in the future, or when the information may help a school handle situations that aren't an emergency, a person at the school and/or in the school system is notified so that they can take the necessary next steps.

## Who can report information?

ANYONE who knows something should SAY something. It takes all of us to keep our schools safe.

## What kind of information should be reported to SSMD?

The SSMD system allows you to write a description of your concern, and provides a list of safety concerns to select the type of information you are reporting. Just a few examples of the selection types are; bullying, guns, planned fights, abuse/neglect, intent to harm, and illegal substance use. You can even upload images. Your identity remains totally private unless you want to be known.

## Does this change the way our school handles safety concerns?

It does not. SSMD is another way for information to be shared quickly with the people who can take the steps to prevent or respond to harm in our school, keeping everyone safe. Students and caregivers are encouraged to share information with a trusted adult but when you would like to remain anonymous or can't get to a trusted adult SSMD is ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

**SSMD does NOT replace 911 or [988](https://www.988lifeline.org/) for immediate emergencies.**

