

# Prevention starts with a hero like YOU!

A study by the U.S. Secret Service found that students who have carried out acts of school violence "usually planned out the attack in advance—with planning behavior that was oftentimes observable; and that, prior to most attacks, other children knew that the attack was to occur. Taken together, these findings suggest that it may be possible to prevent some future school attacks from occurring—and that efforts to identify, assess, and manage students who may have the intent and capacity to launch an attack may be a promising strategy for prevention."

### **FAQs**

#### Is my report really Anonymous?

Yes! By utilizing the TIPS Butterfly, reporters can remain truly anonymous if they choose, so they have nothing to fear in sharing their concerns. However, please be aware, we cannot guarantee we can follow-up with you unless we have your name and a way to contact you by either phone or e-mail.

### Once I submit a report to the TIPS Butterfly, what happens?

All reports are securely transmitted to and stored within our private TIPS platform. Immediate notifications are sent to the appropriate personnel on our Threat Assessment Team. Reports will only be viewed and accessible by approved personnel and all information will remain confidential. Once the team has reviewed your report/concerns, appropriate investigation and follow-up efforts will occur.

### How do I know if someone has responded to my report?

If you would like feedback regarding the report you submit or if you would like to be available for follow up questions, you can provide your name and contact information.

### Do I have to use the TIPS Butterfly to make a report?

No. You are still welcome and encouraged to speak directly with a team member if you have concerns. The TIPS Butterfly should in no way replace face-to-face communication, but instead help our community share information when someone is less comfortable sharing it in person.

## For additional Questions, contact [Admin contact info here]

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#### **Introduces**

# The TIPS Butterfly Effect



Because one small piece of information can make a world-changing and life-changing difference in our community.

# What is the TIPS Butterfly Effect?

Are you familiar with the Butterfly Effect? The Butterfly Effect involves a single incident, no matter how small, that can change the course of the universe forever.

Well, the TIPS Butterfly Effect involves a single pre-incident indicator or warning sign – a concerning behavior, suspicious activity, social media comment, etc. – no matter how small that could be the piece of the puzzle that helps your community's Threat Assessment Team saves lives, reputations, bottom lines, and change the world forever for one person, your whole community, or even the whole world!



# What To Report?

- Bullying
- Concerning Behavior
- Cyberbullying
- Drug Abuse
- Alcohol Abuse
- Harassment
- Sexual Misconduct
- Social Media Concern
- Suspected Abuse
- Suspicious Activity
- Suicidal ideation
- Self-Harm
- And MORE...

# Still unsure what to report?

A good rule of thumb is:
"If it makes you *uncomfortable* or feel *uneasy* you should submit a report."

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

This is not an emergency reporting system.

If there is an emergency, please immediately dial 911.

# Submitting a Report

Visit our website and click on one of these icons





Select the Group, Location and Incident
Type you wish to make a report for, review
the description to make sure that is the best
report type for your information, and click
Next.

Then provide your contact information or select Anonymous and answer the questions on the form to the best of your knowledge. Be sure to upload any supporting files if you have them. When you are done, click review. Once everything looks right, click Submit!

YOU could make a LIFE-SAVING impact on someone in our community!