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# SAFE OREGON

## Annual Report

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July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



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# ABOUT SAFEOREGON

SafeOregon is a statewide school safety tip line available to all Oregon schools. The tip line provides the ability for Oregon students, staff or other members of the public to anonymously report and share information regarding potential threats to student safety. These include anything that may make a student feel unsafe at school such as threats of violence, fights, drugs, alcohol, weapons, bullying, sexual harassment, intimidation, or self-harm.

Trained staff are available 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year to receive these tips. Tips can be submitted through a mobile app, webform, text, phone call, or email. Depending on the nature of the tip, the information is relayed to the appropriate school official (and law enforcement as needed) in a confidential and expeditious manner.



## OUR MISSION

Students need to feel safe and be safe at school. SafeOregon is designed to not only identify and respond to immediate threats in Oregon schools, but to also intervene at the earliest possible point in the life of a young person who may be struggling to help them when they need it, before the situation turns into a tragedy.

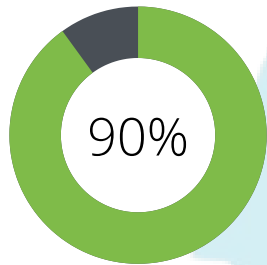


NOTE: This tip line is not for immediate emergency response. Emergency situations should always go to 9-1-1. It is a violation of Oregon law to misuse the tip line per ORS 165.570.

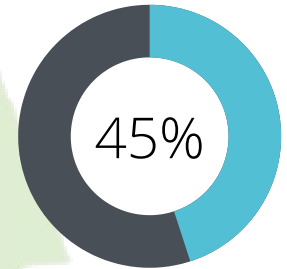
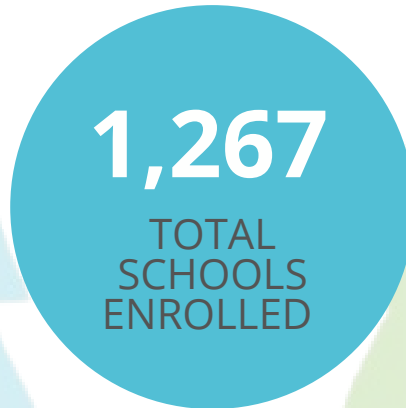
# FAST FACTS

SafeOregon became Law through HB 4075 (2016), as a result of recommendations from the Oregon Task Force on School Safety charged with improving safety and security at schools across the state. Oregon State Police manages the statewide school safety tip line.

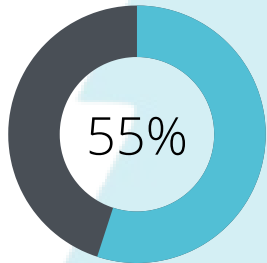
The number of tips received reflect increased awareness of the program and students watching out for one another, feeling safe speaking up when they see or hear something they are concerned about.



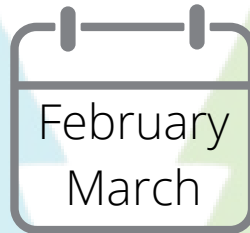
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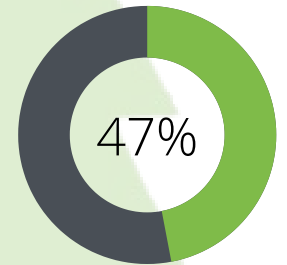
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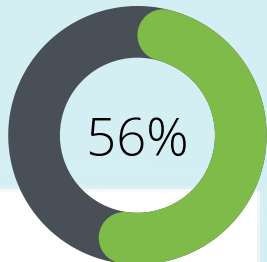
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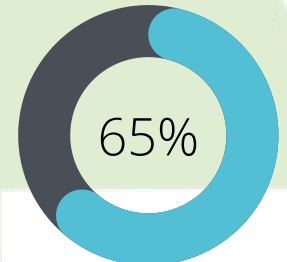
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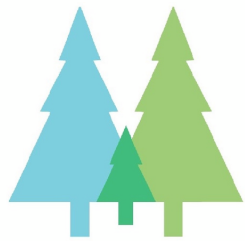


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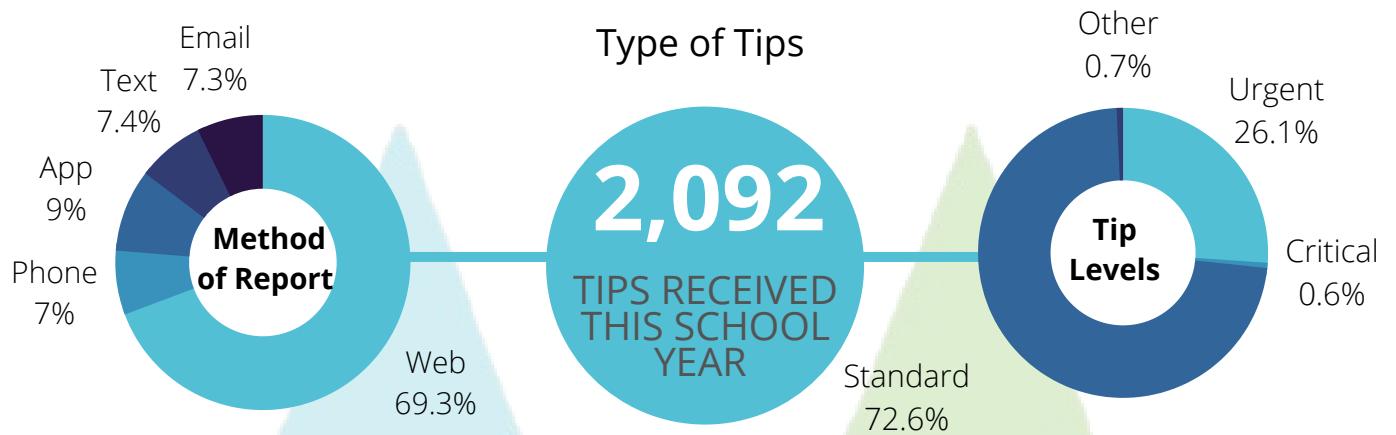


over 560,000 students



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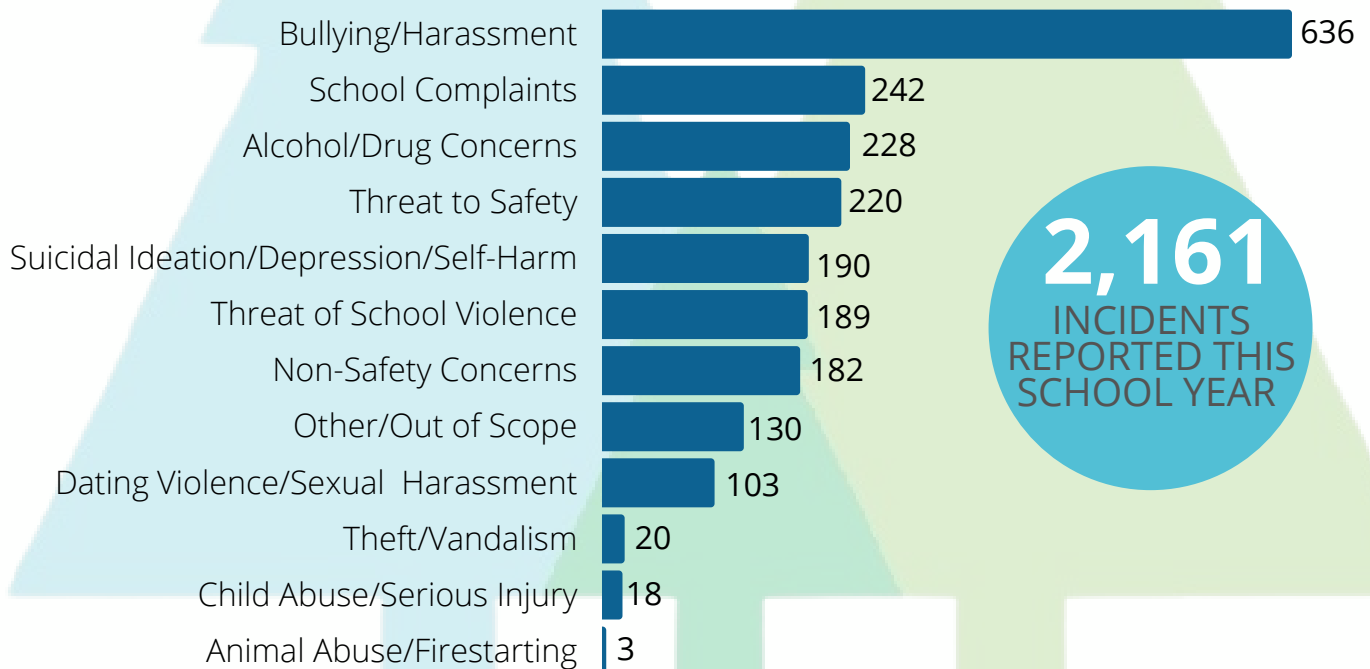
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### Tip Level Designation

**Critical** involves an immediate/imminent threat (weapon possession, planned school attack, self-reporting related to suicide);  
**Urgent** involves violence, self-harm, or criminal activity that recently occurred and/or at high risk of occurring in the near future;  
**Standard** involves peer-to-peer interactions, school rule violations, etc.;  
**Other** are not related to safety of students, school, or staff.

### Incident Types

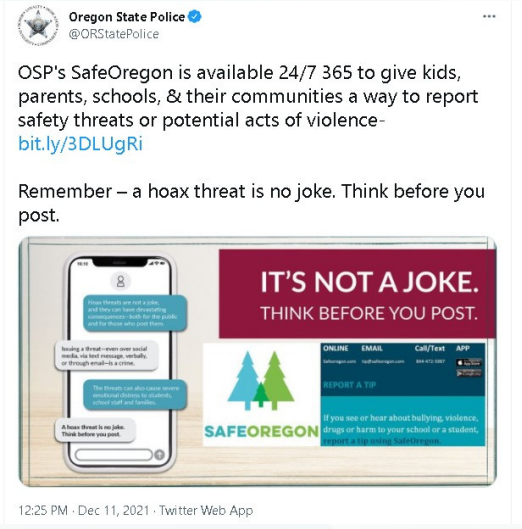
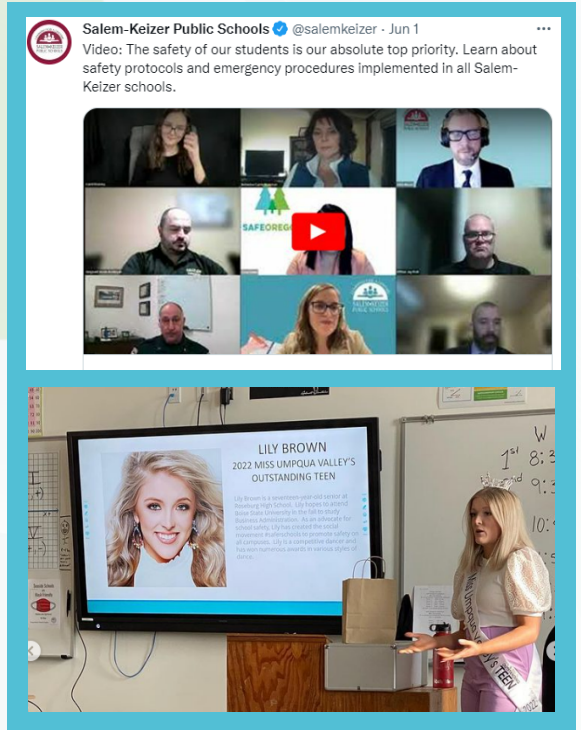


Tips may have multiple incident types. All incident types are based on the tipsters perception of the tip information prior to investigation. These numbers do not reflect the outcome of the incident type after investigation. Full description of combined categories are below:

- Bullying/Harassment: Combined tips of bullying/harassment and cyberbullying.
- Alcohol/Drug Concerns: Combined tips of possession, consumption, distribution of alcohol and possession, use, or distribution of drugs (includes smoking/vaping).
- Threat to Safety: Combined tips of fighting, gang activity, threat of assault, or threat to safety.
- Suicidal Ideation/Depression/Self-Harm: Combined tips of suicidal ideation (self-reported or by another person), depression, and self-harm (i.e. cutting).
- Threat of School Violence: Combined tips of threat of planned school attack and possession of a weapon.
- Dating Violence/Sexual Harassment: Combined tips of dating violence, sexting, and sexual assault/harassment.

# NEWS AND UPDATES

- After a year of pandemic precautions and virtual learning, students again filled the hallways in 2021-22, which naturally increased the number of SafeOregon tips.
- SafeOregon celebrated its five-year anniversary in January, 2022 with over 1,250 Oregon schools enrolled and 200 tips received per month when school is in session.
- Thank you to partners and supporters of SafeOregon who took extra steps to remind students, parents, and community members about the tip line, including:
  - The Salem-Keizer School District for including SafeOregon in a three-part virtual school safety discussion.
  - The Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) and PACE for highlighting SafeOregon during their annual school administrators conference.
  - The Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) for offering a SafeOregon workshop during their student leadership conference. Special thanks to Student Ambassador, Lily Brown, for helping lead these workshops.
  - Caldera High School for incorporating SafeOregon resources in the first ever Wellness Resource Fair held during Mental Health Awareness Month.



# FUTURE PROJECTS

- A fresh look is coming to SafeOregon! Be on the lookout for new posters and marketing materials, fun promotional items, and a revamped website. Visit the website at [www.safeoregon.com](http://www.safeoregon.com) for new ways to spread the word about the tip line.
- A new student advisory council is in development for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. Input from students who use the tip line is more important than ever.

# SUCCESS STORIES

Below are real tips (details have been changed for confidentiality purposes)

**Tip:** A student reached out to SafeOregon through the web page during after school hours, stating they were having really bad suicidal thoughts and needed help.

**Result:** The tip was elevated to a critical level and 9-1-1/school officials were contacted immediately. A welfare check was conducted and safety measures were put in place. The school counselor followed up the next day to conduct a full suicide risk assessment, safety planning, and provide resources for the student and parents.

**Tip:** A student reported concerns about a friend who was always drinking alcohol during school. The tipster provided several photos from social media posts with the hope that someone would intervene.

**Result:** A school administrator met with the student and notified the parents of the situation. Appropriate discipline was handed out and student was referred to the counselor for an assessment, resources and support.

**Tip:** A tipster reported that someone on their school bus was threatening to have a weapon that could kill the others on the bus. The tipster submitted the information along with a video clip of the situation.

**Result:** The tip was elevated to a critical level and 9-1-1/school officials were contacted immediately. The student was located and although a weapon was not found, the nature of the students actions led to school discipline and a report filed with the juvenile department.

**Tip:** A student who had been feeling depressed about a situation at home reached out to the tipline to ask for help. The student stated they did not have any suicidal thoughts, but knew they needed to talk to someone and didn't know where to go.

**Result:** The tip line technician connected the student with Oregon Youth Line after the student agreed it would be helpful to talk with someone about coping strategies.

**Tip:** A tipster reported that a student keeps making statements about how much they hate everyone and that they really want to shoot up the school.

**Result:** The incident was sent to law enforcement/school administrators for investigation and follow-up. It was determined not to be a credible threat, but parents were contacted and a threat assessment was conducted. The involved student received discipline and additional monitoring at school, a referral to a counselor for support, and resources for the parents.

**Tip:** A tipster reported that videos had been posted on social media of a group of students vaping an unknown substance in the school bathroom. A copy of the video accompanied the tip.

**Result:** The information was passed along to school officials. The situation was investigated, parents were notified, the involved students received appropriate discipline, and increased monitoring of the bathroom was scheduled.

# CUMULATIVE DATA

Includes all tips received between January 25, 2017 - June 30, 2022

TIPS RECEIVED  
**8,695**

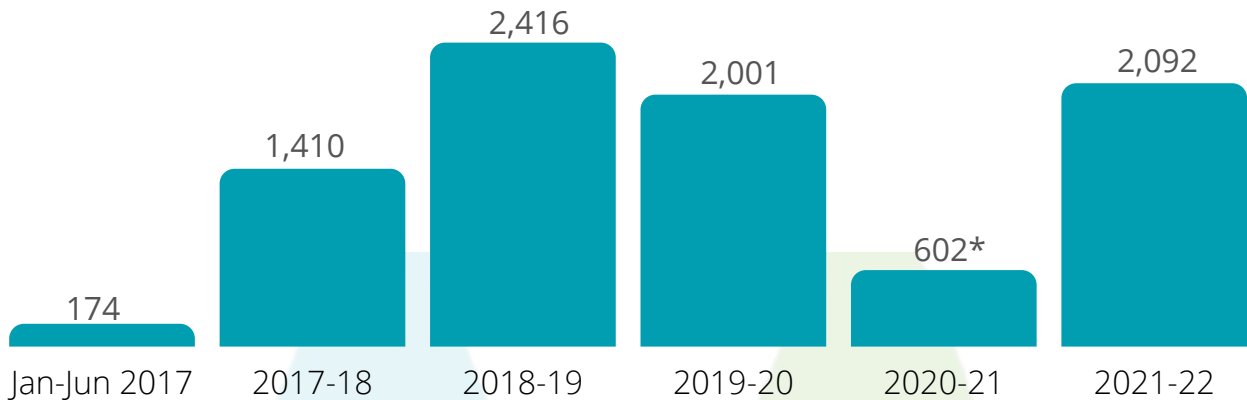
## Tip Levels

- 73% Standard Tips (6,318)
- 25% Urgent Tips (2,151)
- 2% Other Tips (173)
- >1% Critical Tips (53)

## Method of Reporting

- 65% Web Site (5,616)
- 13% Mobile App (1,114)
- 8% Texting (679)
- 7% Phone Call (645)
- 7% Email (641)

## Number of Tips Received by School Year



Duplicate and prank tips are excluded from totals.

\*Low number of tips in 2020-21 attributed to the pandemic/virtual learning due to school closures.

BREAKDOWN BY INCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER OF TIPS	% OF TOTAL
Bullying or Harassment (Includes cyberbullying)	2,878	30.5%
Suicidal Ideation (Self-reported or by another), Self-harm, Depression	1,338	14.2%
Alcohol / Other Drug Concerns (Includes vaping)	1,281	13.6%
Threat to Safety (Fighting, gang activity, threat of assault, or other threat to safety)	942	10.0%
School Complaints	728	7.7%
Non-Safety Concerns	537	5.7%
Dating Violence / Sexual Assault or Harassment	514	5.5%
Threat of School Attack / Possession of Weapon	501	5.3%
Other / Out of Scope of Tip Line	434	4.6%

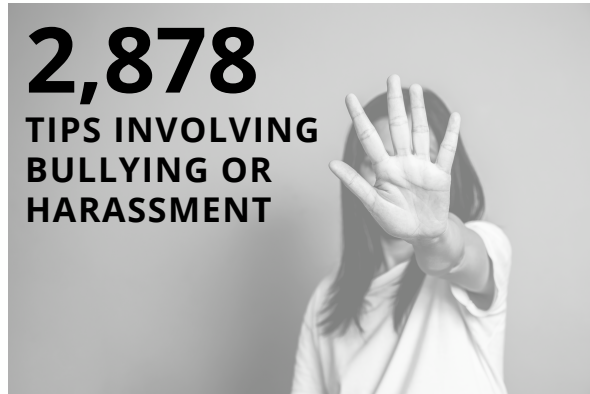
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# Top Three Incidents Overall by School Year

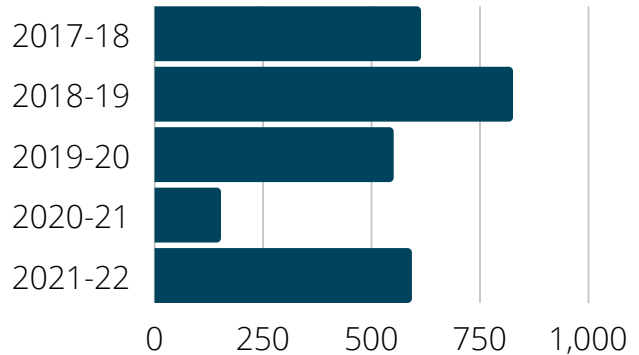
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## BULLYING / HARRASSMENT

Bullying is described as repeated, unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Bullying is the most common incident reported through the SafeOregon tipline.



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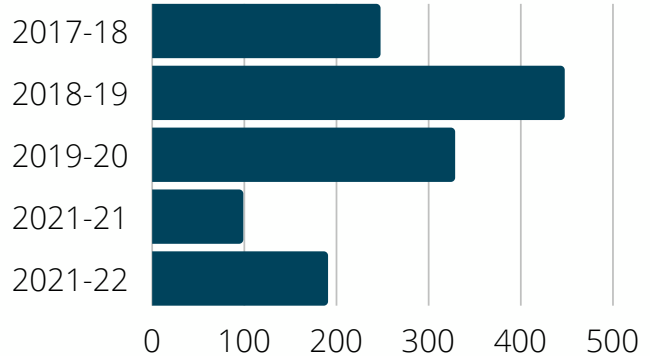
*Number of Bullying Tips by School Year*

## SUICIDAL IDEATION / SELF-HARM / DEPRESSION

Sixty-four percent of these tips are from a friend or classmate concerned about someone else who is exhibiting signs of suicidal ideation; 24% are reporting signs of self-harm (i.e., cutting), 10% are identifying concerns with depression, and 2% are individuals in crisis self-reporting having suicidal thoughts.



*\*Includes all tips involving suicidal ideation (self-reported or reported by another person), depression, and self-harm.*



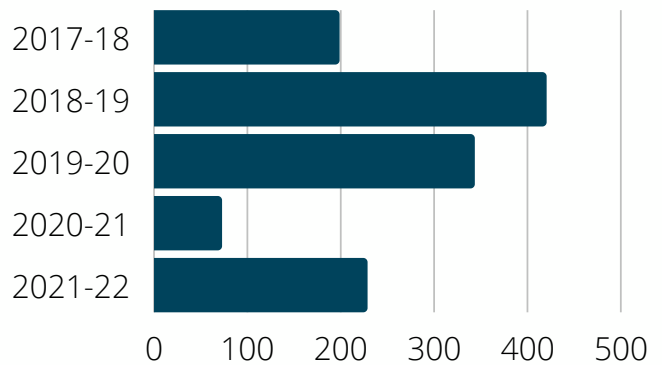
*Number of Suicidal/Self-Harm/Depression Tips by School Year*

## ALCOHOL / DRUGS

Tips regarding incidents of students possessing, consuming/using, or distributing alcohol and others drugs (including vaping) are commonly received. These incidents may occur either on or off campus.



*\*Includes all alcohol and drug related tips(including vaping).*



*Number of Alcohol/Drug Tips by School Year*





For questions regarding information contained in this report, contact the Oregon State Police School Safety Tip Line Program:

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Thank you to all of the partners who continue to support this program.

For more information, visit

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