



**MATANUSKA
SUSITNA**
BOROUGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Keeping Schools Safe

*Together, We Can Prevent
School Violence*

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Schools are safe, but are not immune to violence, suicide or threats.

People who are at risk of hurting themselves or others often show **warning signs** before an act of violence takes place.

Prior to most incidents of school violence, other people knew about the attacker's ideas and or plan to attack

See it



Know the warning signs. You have the power to intervene!

Know where to look

Warning signs and threats of school violence can be:

- *Social media posts
- *Spoken
- *Videos
- *Gestures
- *Writing/Drawing

Stop it



“Tattling on” someone is to get them in trouble. “Saying something” gets someone help and keeps people safe. It is important to say something to a school administrator or law enforcement immediately if you observe threats or warning signs.

One warning sign on its own does not necessarily mean a person is planning an act of violence.

When many connected or cumulative signs are observed over a period of time, it could mean that the person is heading down a pathway towards violence or self harm.

WARNING SIGNS OF POTENTIAL SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Strong fascination or obsession with firearms/weapons.

Excessive study of firearms, weapons, and mass/school shootings.

Unsupervised, illegal or easy access to firearms/weapons or bragging about access to these can be a warning sign.

Making clear threats of violence: spoken, written, pictures, videos, gestures or posting on social media.

Gestures of violence, low commitment toward school, and sudden changes in academics or behavior.

Extreme feelings of isolation/social withdrawal due to real or perceived actions of others.

Excessive over-reactions or aggressive behavior for seemingly minor reasons.

May be a victim of long-term bullying and may have real or perceived feelings of being picked on by others.

Say Something

To:

- School administrators
- Local law enforcement
- Call 911 in event of emergency

Anonymous

reports can also be made to school principals using the **MSBSD TipLine**.

Access on the MSBSD website or the MSBSD mobile app.

What:

- Name of the individual of concern
- Describe threats or warning signs observed
- Include texts, photos, videos, or other communication (if possible)
- Where the individual can be located (if known)

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Educators, students, parents/guardians and the community can work together to prevent violence in schools.

Your actions can save lives.

Get Help

- **Alaska Careline: 877.266.HELP (4357) or Text: 4HELP to 839863**
Crisis intervention available 24/7, calls are confidential
- **Connect Mat-Su: 907.373.CNCT (2628)**
Provides Mat-Su residents with immediate access to the information, referrals, and direct assistance needed for them to thrive physically, mentally and emotionally.
- **StopBullying.gov**
- **NetSmartz.org** –resources to teach children to be safer on and offline.
- **CommonSenseMedia.org** - improves the lives of kids and families by supporting smart media choices