



# Terroristic Threats In Schools

As defined by Texas Penal Code 22.0, a terroristic threat is any type of threat of violence against a person or institution with intent to cause a reaction by emergency services, place a person in fear of a serious bodily injury, or prevent or interrupt the use of a building, facility, or meeting area.

## Students

No threat is ever a joke. It is simply impossible for you to know anyone's true intent. Report any and all threats.

### What is considered a threat:

- Verbal threats made in person or via voice chat of any kind
- Threats made on any form of social media
- Threats made via text messaging or direct messaging of all varieties
- Threats made via game chats (*this includes both text and voice chats*)
- Anything that explicitly says or implies serious bodily injury or prevents/interrupts the use of a building

## Parents



Report all threats! Even if the perpetrator claims they are kidding.

### Who to report to:

1. For immediate help and emergencies, call 911
2. Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston Tip Line 713-222-TIPS (8477)
3. Report directly to the FBI at 713-693-5000
4. Report threats that could affect the school community to school administration.

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE!**

## School Staff

It is required by law for a student to be removed from class and placed in a disciplinary alternative education program if they make a terroristic threat even if that threat is made off campus.

### What to do if you discover a threat:

- Take all threats, on and off campus, seriously. There is no such thing as a "joke" if it is made as a threat
- Save any and all evidence possible concerning the threat
- Report to your administration and/or law enforcement
- Document all reports you make and follow up to ensure the threat is being investigated

**Recommendation for School Administration:** In the event of a threat, whether legitimate or not, a statement should be released that both protects the identity of students involved, but also informs the school community that proper investigation and action have been taken.

# SEE Something, DO Something!

The Crime Stoppers of Houston Tip Line is there for you 24/7:

## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

### STEP 1



You submit an **ANONYMOUS** Tip by calling, using the mobile app, text or through our website

### STEP 2



Your tip leads to an arrest or disciplinary action

### STEP 3



You can be eligible for a **CASH** Reward up to \$5,000

## WHAT YOU CAN REPORT:

- Weapons
- Drugs/drug paraphernalia
- Alcohol
- Tobacco/e-cigarettes

- Bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Threats
- Gang Activity

- Sexual Misconduct
- Vandalism/graffiti
- Theft/robbery
- Assault

## Things you should know:

- Crime Stoppers will **never** ask you for your name, phone number, address, or any other information that could identify you.
  - **We do not record phone calls or have caller id.** No one will know you called us unless you tell them.
- Once you give us your tip, you will be given a **code number**. **This is the only way Crime Stoppers can identify you.**

### How to Report a Tip



Call 713.222.TIPS (8477)



Use our **Mobile App**

Download app name: Crime Stoppers Houston



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