

Ohio's Safer Schools Tip Line
1-844-SAFEROH = 1-844-723-3764 (Toll Free Text)
24/7 Anonymous Reporting of School Safety Issues

In a safe school, students are key. They are aware of what is happening on and off campus, and may be the first to know when a classmate is struggling with serious issues. It needs to be easy for students to share this information quickly with school administrators so adults can take action before something goes wrong.

The Safer Schools Tip Line is operated by the Ohio Department of Public Safety – Office of Homeland Security, *and this free service is available to any Ohio public or private school.* Strongsville City Schools has registered to have this Tip Line available to our community. The **SAFE SCHOOLS TIP LINE** is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is a fast and effective way to let us know about an unsafe situation and not worry about being identified as the source of the information. Potential safety issues include, but are not limited to: the use or possession of drugs, knives, guns or other potential weapons; incidents or threats of self-harm or suicide; and/or violence such as threats to injure, bully, or assault others. Once the Tip Line is called, the information is reported directly to the designated Strongsville City Schools administrator. The Tip Line immediately will report emergency situations to first responders in Strongsville.

If you or your child were to suspect or become aware of any student(s) or adults who are planning or acting in any unsafe way, please let us know. Our staff works to make schools safe and caring places. We encourage students and parents to continue using these typical methods to report concerns to adults at home and in schools. The **SAFER SCHOOLS TIP LINE** is not meant to replace this healthy and open communication. Still, we know that when students become aware of unsafe people or situations, it can be very difficult for some to report as they are fearful or feel pressure from others to keep things secret. We want students to help us keep their schools safe, and to break the "code of silence" with respect to matters that can impact the safety of their schools.

Please spend some time with your child to share this information. Discuss with them the importance of their help in keeping their school safe. Thank you for helping to keep Strongsville City Schools safer.