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Colorado school shooting: How to report a threat against a Colorado school

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In the wake of Tuesday's school shooting at STEM School Highlands Ranch in suburban Denver, questions have arisen about how community members can collaborate with school and law enforcement leadership to help prevent violence in schools.

Tuesday's shooting, conducted by two teenage suspects, [left one student dead and seven others injured](#) at the kindergarten through 12th-grade school in south suburban Denver.

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The shooting occurred only weeks after Colorado memorialized the 20-year anniversary of the [shooting at Columbine High School](#), during which two teenage gunmen fatally shot 12 fellow students before killing themselves.

The Columbine massacre led to sweeping changes to how law enforcement investigates and responds to threats against schools. In Colorado, one tactic that officials say has improved school safety is the implementation of the [Safe2Tell anonymous tip line](#).

The tip line, available at [safe2tell.org](#), through [Apple](#) and [Android](#) apps, and via phone at 877-542-7233, offers confidential reporting of threats to school or student safety, linking those tips to school and law enforcement officials.

Officials say the line has been successfully used to investigate school violence and to link suicidal teens with the help they need.

Launched in 2004, the program received 102 reports in its first year. That number has since grown to 16,000 during the 2017-18 school year, [The Associated Press reported](#).

School and public safety officials encourage anyone with information about a potential threat to student safety to report it using Safe2Tell or by contacting local law enforcement.

How to report a threat through Safe2Tell Colorado

- Fill out the web form at [safe2tell.org](#).
- Call 877-542-7233
- Report a tip using the Safe2Tell mobile app, available from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).