

COURAGE REPORT

Prevent School Violence



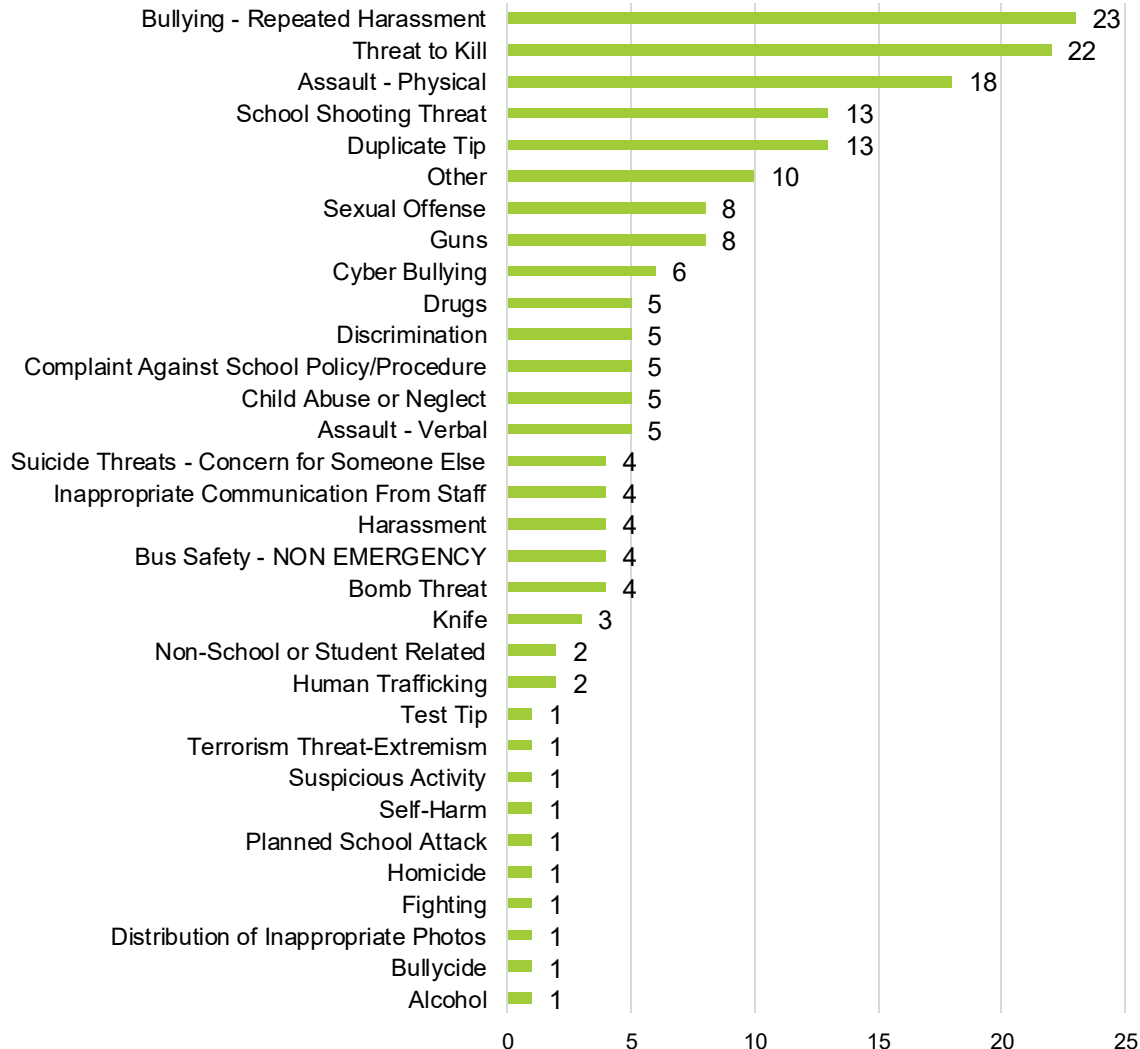
September 2025 Monthly Activity Summary



September Tip Overview



Tip Summary: 183 Total



Tip Volume by Day:

Sunday	7
Monday	37
Tuesday	28
Wednesday	22
Thursday	38
Friday	38
Saturday	13

Tip Volume by the Hour:

12:00 AM	0
01:00 AM	1
02:00 AM	0
03:00 AM	3
04:00 AM	1
05:00 AM	2
06:00 AM	6
07:00 AM	6
08:00 AM	8
09:00 AM	9
10:00 AM	8
11:00 AM	17
12:00 PM	11
01:00 PM	18
02:00 PM	20
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04:00 PM	7
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06:00 PM	7
07:00 PM	6
08:00 PM	6
09:00 PM	10
10:00 PM	3
11:00 PM	5

How Tip was Submitted:

By phone call	40
Online via C2R	
Website	136
C2R Mobile App	4
By Text	3

Last September, C2R received a large volume of life safety tips – the result of threats being reposted on social media.

Reposting those threats can hinder law enforcement from determining who made the original post. Reposting can also lead to serious legal and disciplinary consequences.

Courage2Report now offers free posters to remind everyone: **REPORT, DON'T REPOST.** This will help to prevent spreading fear, misinformation, and unnecessary panic.

What is Discord?

Discord is a popular free app that allows users to create anonymous accounts. Users can create and join groups, share videos/images, have private voice/video calls, exchange private encrypted direct messages, and have group video chats. “The app is a ‘safe haven’ for plotting mass violence because it provides an unmoderated service with open chatrooms, closed groups, and private messages for anonymous users.” (David Riedman, 2024) It is mostly used for gaming or talking to friends. Think of it as having a community center with different rooms for different activities like a book club, a gaming room, and a baking club or art club.



Here are a few points that school staff should consider:

- Discord chat groups can be private and are unlikely to be internally monitored by the company. If your school district has a threat assessment team it's unlikely that they will be able to see the content in these private groups.
- Direct messages on Discord are encrypted. Even with a warrant, school officials and law enforcement are unlikely to be able to access these messages.
- Students are more likely than adults to see threatening posts made by their peers. If a student reports seeing threatening comments or information about a planned school shooting on Discord (or any other online platform), this threat should be taken seriously.
- If you see threatening messages, report them to law enforcement or Courage2Report and continue to follow-up until you have confirmation that the threat has been investigated.
- If a student is engaging with or sharing white nationalist, anti-government, or far-right propaganda, this should be a red flag for gun violence. There is a wide range of threat actors, such as terrorist groups, violent extremist organizations, and violent hate groups that recruit on Discord.
- Join Discord and routinely search for your school's name, school mascot, or nicknames associated with your school or community.

Just because a student is seen on Discord should not be cause for alarm, they are more than likely just chatting with friends. However, in the event there is someone posting about a planned violence attack or discussing previous attacks it would be beneficial to develop a school community where the students frequently using discord for chatting with friends or gaming feel safe in coming forward if they see something suspicious or alarming in a private group or chat. Trusting and engaging with students to recognize the threats that kids are seeing can prevent the next school shooting.

Podcasts



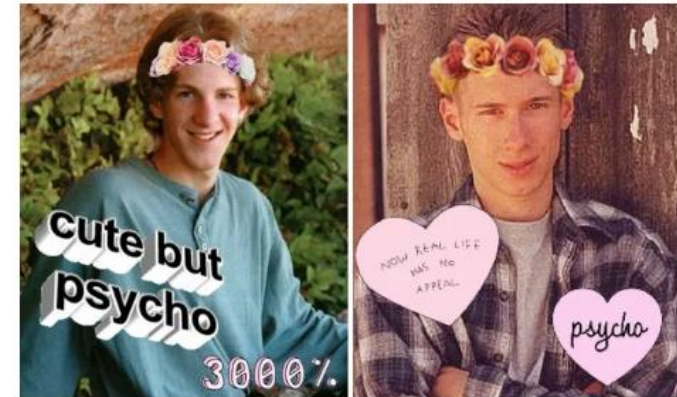
Ep 60. Inside the True Crime Community (TCC) that grooms teens into school shooters

The last 7 school shooters were all connected with the same online group that shares violent gore content, fan art idolizing prior school shooters, and encourages members to commit real-world violence

Guest: [Allizandra Herberhold](#), LMSW, works with radicalized, at-risk, and violent teens and young adults to prevent mass shootings and counter violent extremism.

Host: [David Riedman](#), creator of the [K-12 School Shooting Database](#).

Samples of TCC Content:



These are great resources to send home to parents or guardians.

- **Know2Protect's Top 10 Tips2Protect** children and stay safe online. Download at [Top 10 Tips2Protect](#).
- **Family Online Safety Agreement:** Families can work together and develop their own terms around online safety. Download [Family Online Safety Agreement](#).

We have included them in English and Spanish on the next slides as a preview; you can download the pdfs at the links above.

When you visit the Know2Protect website, you can also take the [Pledge2Protect](#). Pledge2Protect is the official call-to-action of the Know2Protect campaign. Their goal is to create a global movement to galvanize society to take action and prevent crimes of exploitation targeting kids online. Everyone has a place in this fight, and Pledge2Protect is an opportunity to help protect children, learn more and educate communities about how to prevent this crime.



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Together We Can Stop Online Child Exploitation



Homeland Security



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TOP 10 TIPS2PROTECT

for Parents and Trusted Adults



Parents and trusted adults: Online safety starts with knowing what to do — and doing it every day. These tips are designed to help kids and teens navigate the digital world safely and protect them from online exploitation and abuse. Start conversations, set boundaries and take action to protect kids and teens online.

- 1 Start an open, two-way conversation with your child.
- 2 Password-protect or control access to your child's app store and gaming downloads.
- 3 Set time and area limits for use of devices and set device check-in times.
- 4 Set all apps, games, and devices to private.
- 5 Turn off location data services on social media and nonessential apps.
- 6 Talk about data permanency. Online data can last a lifetime.
- 7 Create a contract with your child regarding online behavior.
- 8 Know your child's friend lists. Remove strangers.
- 9 Warn your child that they should never leave a game to chat with someone they don't know on a different platform.
- 10 **Do not** delete messages, images or videos from predators and **do not** forward any sexually explicit images or videos. Save usernames, screenshots and images or videos as evidence for law enforcement to collect directly from the device.

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LOS 10 MEJORES CONSEJOS DE PREVENCIÓN EN LÍNEA



1. Inicie una conversación abierta y bidireccional con su hijo.
2. Proteja con contraseña o controle el acceso a la tienda de aplicaciones y a las descargas de juegos de su hijo(a).
3. Establezca límites de tiempo y área para el uso de dispositivos y verifique las actividades en línea frecuentemente de cada dispositivo.
4. Configure todas las aplicaciones, juegos y dispositivos como privados.
5. Desactive los servicios de datos de ubicación en las redes sociales y las aplicaciones no esenciales.
6. Hable de la permanencia de los datos. Los datos en línea pueden durar toda la vida.
7. Cree un contrato con su hijo con respecto al comportamiento en línea.
8. Revisé la lista de contactos de su hijo. Elimine a los extraños.
9. Advierta a su hijo que nunca debe salir de un juego para chatear con alguien que no conoce en una plataforma diferente.
10. No borre mensajes, imágenes o videos de depredadores y no reenvíe imágenes o videos sexualmente explícitos. Guarde nombres de usuario, capturas de pantalla e imágenes o videos como evidencia para que las fuerzas del orden la recopilen directamente desde el dispositivo.

FAMILY ONLINE SAFETY AGREEMENT

This agreement is designed to keep our family safe while using the internet. Let's make sure we are on the same page and agree to stay safe online. It's important for both kids and adults to agree on online safety rules that will work best for our family. To help guide our response, we visited know2protect.gov and/or attended a Project iGuardian® presentation.

I, _____ and _____ promise to follow the guidelines below:

Print child's name here

Print parent/guardian's name here

Protect Personal Information

We will not share our valuable and personal information, photos, or images with anyone that we do not know in the real world. We will also use parental controls or privacy settings, as appropriate, for each of our accounts.

I promise not to share:

Be Kind and Respectful

We promise to always be kind and respectful to others online, just as we would in person. We will not use hurtful language, be mean to anyone, or post anything online that could embarrass others.

Examples of appropriate behaviors are:

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Balance Screen Time

We will make sure to find a balance between screen time and other activities we enjoy, like playing outside, reading books, or spending time together as a family.

Some of my favorite activities offline are:

I will limit my screentime by:

Ask for Permission

We will talk before downloading new apps. We will also talk about how to safely use new apps, like not leaving an app to chat privately with someone or meeting someone in person.

Some safe ways to use apps are:

Talk About What We See

We will share with each other what we are doing online. If we come across anything online that makes us uncomfortable, we promise to talk about it openly and honestly with each other. We will not keep secrets about things that bother us online.

My favorite apps are:

My favorite friends online are:

Trust Each Other

We promise that we will listen to each other free of judgment and blame. We will be open to hearing what is being said so that we can come to each other if something happens online and not be afraid to do so.

Some ways we can build an environment of trust when discussing online safety:

By agreeing to this Family Online Safety Agreement, **we are committing to make our online experiences safe, positive, and enjoyable for everyone.** Let's have fun exploring the digital world together while staying safe and secure!

ACUERDO FAMILIAR DE SEGURIDAD EN LÍNEA

Este acuerdo está diseñado para promover la seguridad de nuestra familia mientras usan el Internet. Debemos asegurar que todos estamos en la misma página y de acuerdo con mantener nuestra seguridad en línea. Es importante tanto para los menores y adultos acordar reglas de seguridad en línea que funcionen mejor para nuestra familia. Para ayudar a guiar nuestras respuestas, visitamos la página en línea know2protect.gov y/o asistimos a la presentación de un "Project iGuardian".

Yo, _____ y _____ prometemos seguir las siguientes reglas:

Nombre en letra de molde del menor

Nombre en letra de molde del padre o tutor legal

Protege tu información personal

No compartiremos nuestra información personal y valiosa, fotos o imágenes con nadie que no conozcamos en el mundo real. También utilizaremos controles parentales o configuraciones de privacidad, según corresponda, para cada una de nuestras cuentas.

Prometo no compartir:

Se amable y respetuoso

Prometemos ser siempre amables y respetuosos con los demás en línea, tal como lo haríamos en persona. No utilizaremos lenguaje perjudicial, no seremos malos con nadie, ni publicaremos nada en línea que pueda avergonzar a los demás.

Ejemplos de comportamientos apropiados son:

Ejemplos de comportamientos inapropiados son:

Balance del tiempo frente a la pantalla

Nos aseguraremos de encontrar un balance entre el tiempo frente a la pantalla y otras actividades que disfrutamos, como jugar al aire libre, leer libros, o pasar tiempo juntos en familia.

Algunas de mis actividades favoritas fuera de línea:

Limitaré mi tiempo frente a la pantalla de la siguiente manera:

Pedir permiso

Hablaremos antes de descargar nuevas aplicaciones. También hablaremos sobre cómo usar las nuevas aplicaciones de forma segura, como no salir de una aplicación para chatear en privado con alguien o reunirse con alguien en persona.

Algunas formas de uso apropiado de las aplicaciones son:

Conversemos sobre lo que vemos

Compartiremos los unos con los otros lo que hacemos en línea. Si nos topamos con algo en línea que nos haga sentir incómodos, prometemos hablarlo abierta y honestamente entre nosotros. No guardaremos secretos sobre cosas que nos molesten en línea.

Mis aplicaciones favoritas son:

Mis amigos favoritos en línea son:

Confianza Mutua

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Algunas formas en las que podemos crear un entorno de confianza cuando hablamos de seguridad en línea son:

Al aceptar este Acuerdo Familiar de Seguridad en Línea, **nos comprometemos a hacer nuestras experiencias en línea unas seguras, positivas y agradables para todos.** ¡Divirtámonos explorando el mundo digital juntos mientras nos mantenemos seguros!

Where We've Been, Where We're Going!

Past

- 09/25/2025 – Missouri State Highway Patrol Career Expo
- 09/30/2025 – 10/01/2025 – Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop I Career Fair
- 10/15/2025 – Frontier STEM High School Student and Staff Presentations – Kansas City

Upcoming

- 11/07/2025 – 11/08/2025 – Cross Country Championships – Columbia
- 11/11/2025 – 11/13/2025 – Center for Education Safety (CES) School Safety Academy – Columbia
- 11/18/2025 – Scenic Regional Library Community Services Fair – Hermann
- 11/20/2025 – 11/21/2025 – Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA) Convention – Columbia

*If you would like a presentation or training at your school, send an email to courage2reportmo@mshp.dps.mo.gov or [click here](#) to fill out our event form.





Handle With Care

In September, Courage2Report received and delivered **56** handle with care notifications to schools and law enforcement across the state.

When schools receive these notifications, they should share them with the child's teacher or other staff on a “need to know basis” so they may observe the child’s behavior and be ready to provide trauma sensitive support if needed. This will help the student feel safe and be more receptive to learning.

Learn more:

HandleWithCareMO.org



This map shows the counties in which we have received Handle With Care notifications.



Department of Homeland Security
Enhancing School Safety Using Behavioral Threat
Assessment

Date: November 19, 2025, January 21 and March 18, 2026

In this virtual training event, NTAC researchers highlight the key findings and implications from their research on school violence prevention. In this training, you will learn about the background, thinking, and behavior of school attackers and how some schools discovered and stopped plots before violence occurred. This training will provide guidance on how schools may develop or improve existing violence prevention programs utilizing a behavioral threat assessment model.

2025 Advancing School Mental Health Conference

Date: December 2-4, 2025

This conference focuses on school mental health and unites local, state, national, and international experts to advance knowledge and skills related to school mental health practice, research, training, and policy. The conference emphasizes a shared school-family-community agenda to promote mental health, prevent issues, and provide interventions for students and families as part of a multi-tiered system of support.

CES School Safety Academies:

Dates: February 23-25, Columbia, MO
June 2026: Osage Beach, MO (Details coming soon.)

Participation in the School Safety Academy will grant attendees certification as a School Safety Specialist, in accordance with school safety coordinator requirements outlined in section 160.660 RSMo. and the Missouri School Improvement Program, version 6 (MSIP 6)

FBI St. Louis School Safety Initiative Conference:

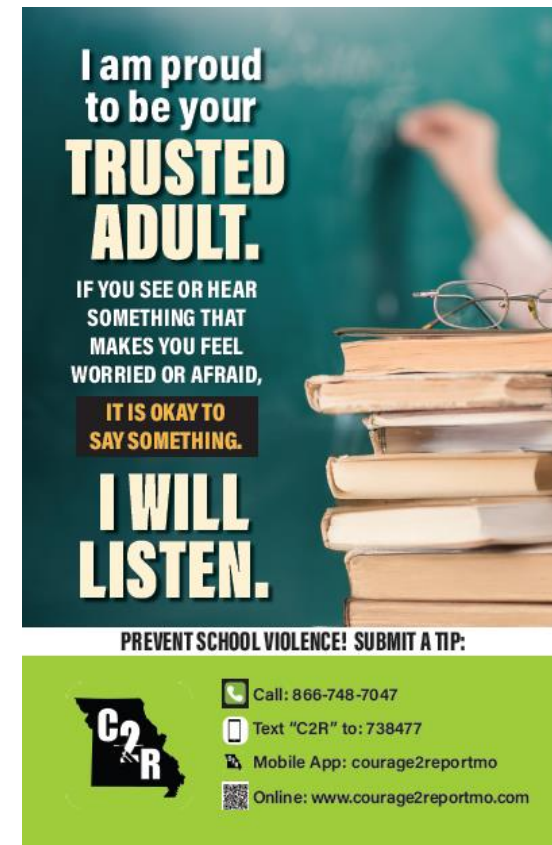
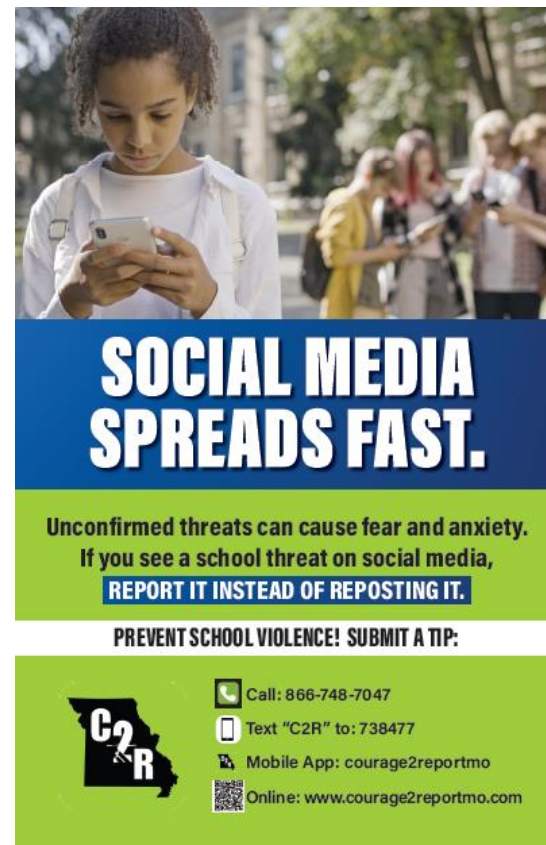
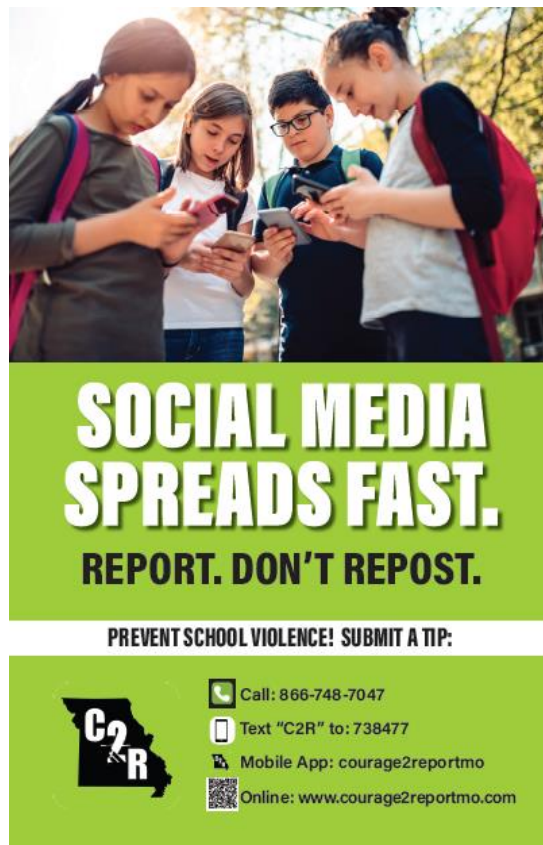
Dates: November 7: Cape Girardeau, MO
December 3: Rolla, MO

Presentations on youth sextortion, human trafficking, threat assessment exercises and information on 764 and other nihilistic beliefs.

Attendance is open to school staff, law enforcement, and mental wellness professionals who work with youth. Advance RSVP is required.



We have new posters!





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