



# Threats on Social Media & Fortify Florida

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# Making a Threat on Social Media

## Florida Statute: 836.10

**Written or electronic threats to kill, do bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism; punishment; exemption from liability.—**

(1) As used in this section, the term “electronic record” means any record created, modified, archived, received, or distributed electronically which contains any combination of text, graphics, video, audio, or pictorial represented in digital form, but does not include a telephone call.

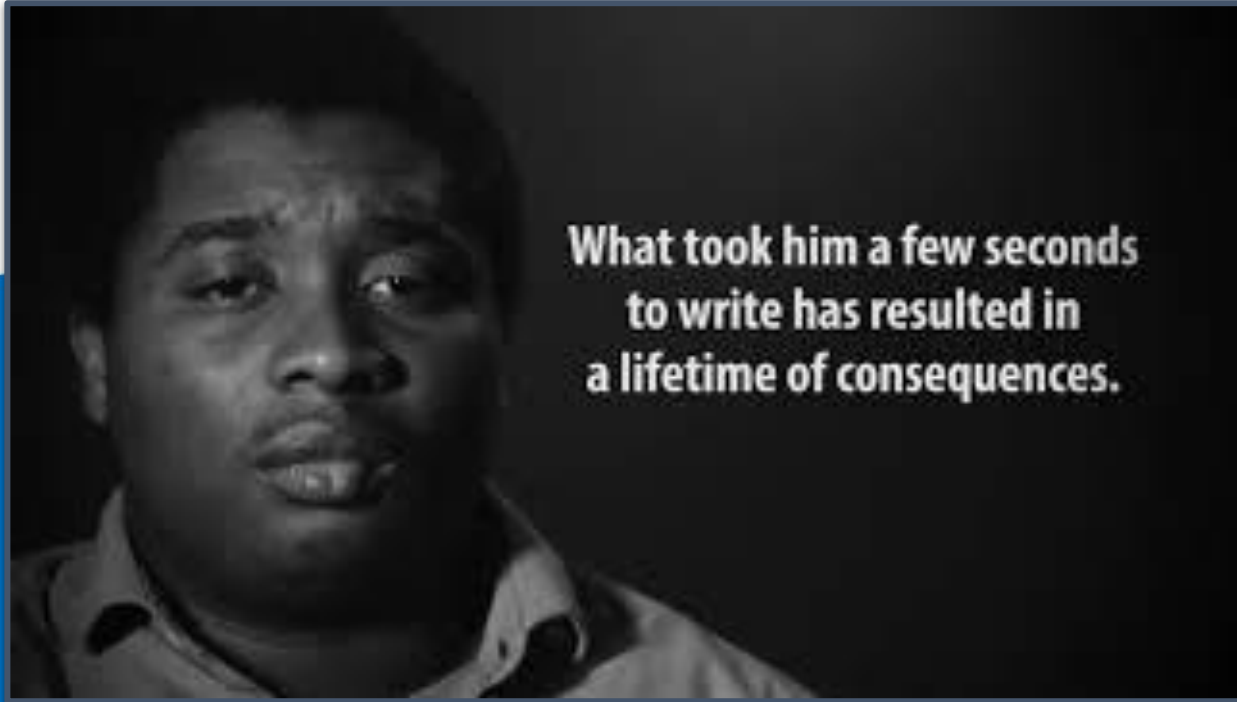
(2) It is unlawful for any person to send, post, or transmit, or procure the sending, posting, or transmission of, a writing or other record, including an electronic record, in any manner in which it may be viewed by another person, when in such writing or record the person makes a threat to:

- (a) Kill or to do bodily harm to another person; or
- (b) Conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.

## This can include:

- Direct messages or posting status updates on any social media platform
- Snapchat stories or messages
- Videos posted on platforms such as YouTube or TikTok
- Gaming servers or chats such as Discord, Steam, or Twitch
- Anonymous chat rooms or posting sites such as Whisper and AskFM

# Think Before You Post



# Consequences that your child may face with FLVS

- Courses dropped and account restricted for 1 year/possible expulsion (Flex and Full Time)
- Inability to graduate with friends (Full Time Students)
- Inability to attend face to face meetups (Flex and Full Time Students)
- Inability to join clubs or automatic removal (Flex and Full Time)
- Criminal Charges (Flex and Full Time)

# What if you or your child sees a concerning or threatening post on social media?



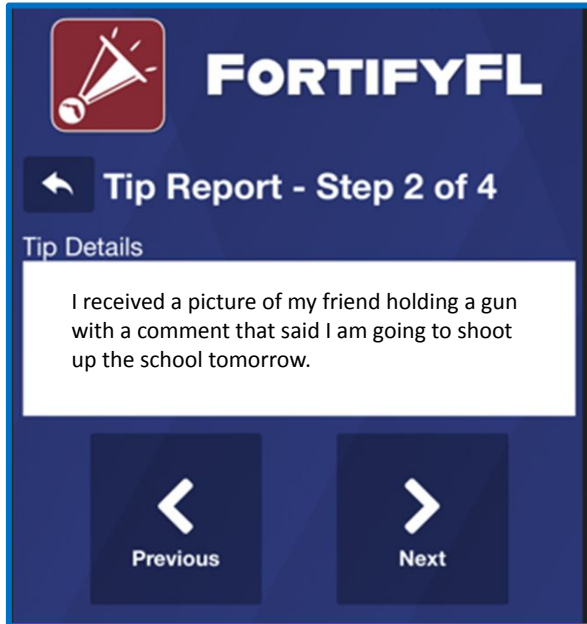
<https://getfortifyfl.com>

## Fortify Florida

[FortifyFL](#) is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows users to instantly relay information about any suspicious or concerning activity to law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Students can provide a description of potential crimes or threats, and share pictures and videos.

# What information does Fortify Florida ask for?



The screenshot shows the FortifyFL logo at the top left, which consists of a red square with a white megaphone icon. To the right of the logo is the text "FORTIFYFL" in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below the logo and text is a dark blue header bar with a white left-pointing arrow icon and the text "Tip Report - Step 2 of 4". Underneath the header bar is the text "Tip Details" in white. A white text box contains the text: "I received a picture of my friend holding a gun with a comment that said I am going to shoot up the school tomorrow." At the bottom of the form are two dark blue buttons with white icons and text: a left-pointing chevron icon with the text "Previous" below it, and a right-pointing chevron icon with the text "Next" below it.

- The name of the school
- Incident details
- A photo or video, if available
- Optional Information includes name, email, phone number **(students/parents can choose to remain anonymous)**

# Where does the information go after it's submitted on Fortify Florida?

## **Your School Officials**

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted

## **Local Law Enforcement**

Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

## **State Level Officials**

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

# What happens if you submit a false tip?

[Florida Statute 943.082](#) states that if, after an investigation, it is determined a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL, the IP address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation.

The person who knowingly sent a false tip may be subject to **criminal penalties** under [Florida statute 837.05](#). In all other circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.



➤ **Recognize the signs**

Understand the different types of warning signs or threats and where you are likely to find them, especially on social media.

➤ **Take it seriously**

Knowledge is power!

➤ **Act immediately and say something**

Help keep our schools safe by telling a trusted adult or using an anonymous reporting system.



# Thank You!

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