

SAFEVOICE IN SCHOOLS

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What is SafeVoice

- [NRS 388.1451 – 1459](#)
 - A tip reporting system available to students, parents, and members of the community 24/7/365 which is available through a mobile app, website, or hotline
 - Reporter may remain confidential (but not anonymous) or may choose to self-identify
 - All reports are to be treated as **confidential**, including follow-up supports

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School Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

[NRS 388.14553](#)

- All governing bodies of school districts and charter schools must appoint a three-person team to receive SafeVoice tips
- Required members include:
 - An administrator
 - A school counselor, psychologist, or social worker if one is assigned to the school full time
- Upon receiving a report “a member of the appropriate team... shall take appropriate action in accordance with the training he or she has received pursuant to NRS 388.1455 to respond to the activity or threat.”

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When School is Not in Session

- The MDT team is not required to receive and/or respond to tips when school is not in session (i.e., weekends, school breaks, after school hours)
 - The Nevada Department of Education provides on-call staff for times when school is not in session
- Subawards are provided to school districts for on-call social workers or counselors over the summer break
 - utilizes a regional approach

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Balancing Anonymity & Confidentiality

- Nevada bullying intervention statute and response encourages self-reporting
- NRS originally made all information provided anonymous, but that conflicted with other statutory requirements (i.e., anti-bullying laws)
- Emergency regulations ([R079-18A](#)) and [NRS](#) were later formalized to clarify the provisions under which anonymity may be waived:
 - (a) To ensure the safety and well-being of the person who reported information to the Program;
 - (b) To comply with the provisions of [NRS 388.1351](#); or
 - (c) If the person knowingly reported false information to the Program

New Legislation: AB 371 (2021)

AN ACT relating to education; establishing provisions relating to discrimination based on race; including discrimination based on race in existing law relating to bullying and cyber-bullying; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

What is Discrimination base on race?

AB 371 (2021)

- Discrimination based on race means any single or repeated or pervasive act or acts, whether targeted to a specific person or targeted in general to any demographic:
 - Regarding the race, color, culture, religion, language, ethnicity or national origin of a person that causes harm or creates a hostile work or learning environment, which may include, without limitation, jokes, threats, physical altercations or intimidation;
 - Occurs in person, online or in any other setting including, without limitation, in a course of distance education.

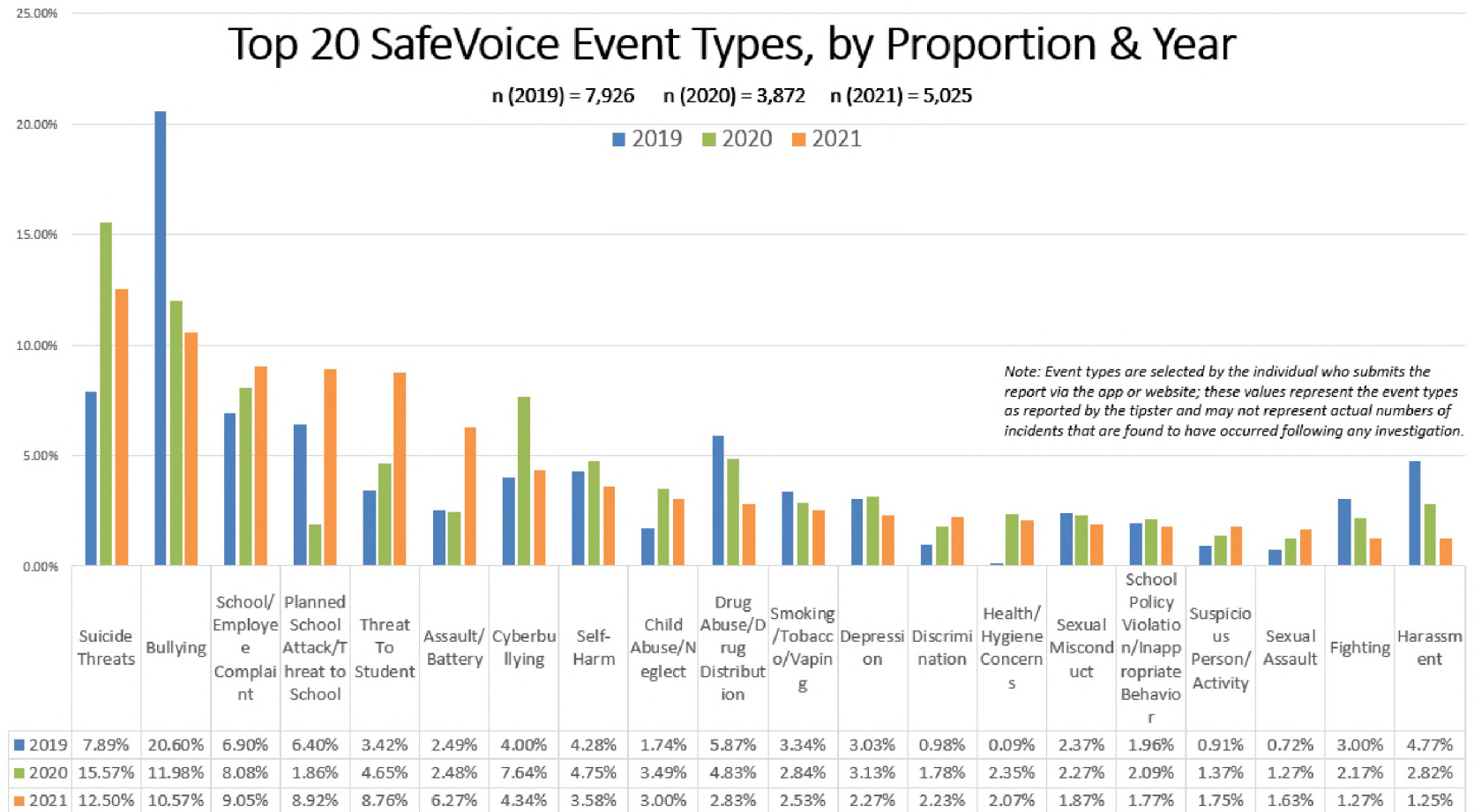
SafeVoice Trends

Top 20 SafeVoice Event Types, by Proportion & Year

n (2019) = 7,926 n (2020) = 3,872 n (2021) = 5,025

■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021

Note: Event types are selected by the individual who submits the report via the app or website; these values represent the event types as reported by the tipster and may not represent actual numbers of incidents that are found to have occurred following any investigation.



QUESTIONS?

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